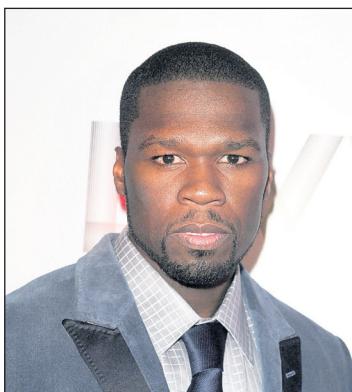


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"Things Fall Apart" is scheduled to screen at 8pm on Tuesday, June 14th at the Paseo Herencia. 50 Cent will be on AIFF's famed red carpet, which promises to be as star studded as last year, with actors and filmmakers from around the world descending on Aruba to take part in the Festival and interact with fans.

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Germany recognizes Libyan rebel government

JUDY DEMPSEY

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BERLIN – Germany, which declined to participate in the NATO air campaign against Libya, on Monday recognized the opposition National Transitional Council as the legitimate representative of Libya, Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said during a visit to the rebel capital of Benghazi. The announcement by Westerwelle comes after weeks of hesitation by Germany over which rebel leaders or movements, if any, it would recognize as an alternative to the government of Moammar Gadhafi.

"The Transitional Council is the legitimate representation of the Libyan people," Westerwelle said after arriving in Benghazi.

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Republican debates begin in New Hampshire



Republican candidates for president before a debate at the Sullivan Arena at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H., on June 13, 2011. The debate featured questions from moderators, a live panel of voters and submitted from the Internet. From left: Former Sen. Rick Santorum, Rep. Michele Bachman (R-Minn.), former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas), former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty and Herman Cain, the former chief executive of Godfather's Pizza.

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Pelosi back in limelight over Weiner

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WASHINGTON – Less than a year ago, Rep. Nancy Pelosi was one of the most powerful figures in Washington, an agenda-setting House speaker able to impose her will on a notoriously fractious Democratic caucus.

In making a difficult transition to House minority leader, she has played a much reduced role, largely relegated to the sidelines as President Barack Obama seeks to cut legislative deals with House Republicans. Now she is suddenly back in the spotlight by virtue of a standoff with a Democrat defying her wishes.

Despite a very public push by Pelosi, Rep. Anthony D. Weiner of New York has so far refused to surrender his House seat after disclosures



House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) speaks to reporters about whether Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-N.Y.) should resign, on Capitol Hill in Washington, June 13, 2011. Pelosi has made a very public push to get Weiner to surrender his seat, and on Monday, President Obama agreed.

(Philip Scott Andrews/The New York Times)

that he sent lewd personal images over the Internet, admissions that caused a national sensation that threatens to overwhelm the party's political message. Her call for Weiner to resign, echoed Monday by Obama in an interview with NBC, is the toughest test

of authority she has faced since she lost the speakership in last year's elections and then fought to remain Democratic leader when some party members argued that it was time for a change.

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JEFF ZELENY

JIM RUTENBERG

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GOFFSTOWN, N.H. – Opening a new phase in a race that is unusually unsettled for a party once famous for its discipline, seven candidates for the Republican presidential nomination met Monday night in their highest profile opportunity yet to begin drawing distinctions among themselves even as they united to press the attack against President Barack Obama. With the economy wavering and conservatives energized, Republicans see opportunity to capitalize on the sense that the nation is on the wrong track. But with seven months remaining before the first votes of the nominating contest are cast, the candidates vied Monday in a debate here to show that they are both electable and ideologically acceptable to primary voters.

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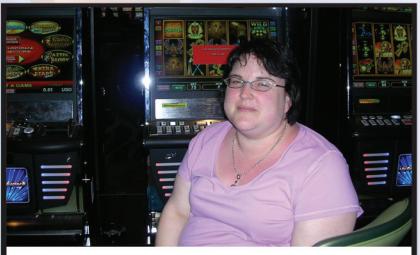
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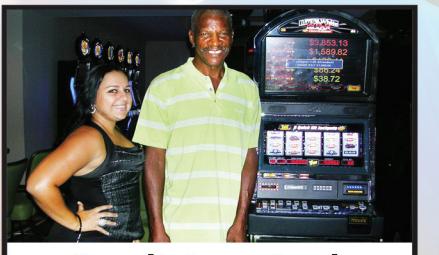
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New Hampshire sets stage for Republicans

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The spotlight was trained squarely on Mitt Romney, a former governor of Massachusetts, whose appearance here amounted to his debut on the stage four years after losing his first bid for the party's nomination. He sought to press his business credentials, arguing that he was the strongest nominee to promote a message of economic revival and job creation, but he faced the need to parry conservative criticism over the state health care plan he signed that resembles the national one signed into law by Obama.

"First, if I'm elected president I will repeal Obamacare," Romney said, acknowledging "some similarities and some big differences" between the Massachusetts and national plans. In a direct message to the president, he said: "If in fact you did look at what we did in Massachusetts, why didn't you give me a call?"

Tim Pawlenty, a former governor of Minnesota who remains largely unknown to many Republicans across the country, sought to introduce himself as a leading alternative to Romney. He coined a new word in the hours leading up to the debate – "Obamneycare" – a term aimed at criticizing both Romney and Obama in a single breath.

But when the debate got under way, Pawlenty exhibited far more restraint and declined repeated attempts to explain the word or issue a face-to-face challenge to Romney.

"President Obama is the person who I quoted as



Jon Romano and Eddie Vale, representatives of Protect Your Care, prepare to hand out signs and foam fingers outside the site of the Republican presidential debate at Saint Anselm in Manchester, N.H., on June 13, 2011. Mitt Romney, the Republican front-runner in the race to challenge President Barack Obama, will make his first appearance in a national debate tonight with six other candidates.

(Cheryl Senter/The New York Times)

saying he looked to Massachusetts for designing his program," he said. "Using the term Obamneycare was a reflection of the president's comments."

Given a chance to rebut Pawlenty, Romney also focused on Obama.

"My guess is the president is going to eat those words," he said, then addressed the president directly: "What you're doing will not work. It's a huge power grab by the federal government."

For months, as the Republican presidential race has taken shape, the candidates have largely focused their attacks on the president, his policies and a slow-to-recover economy. But the debate on the campus of St. Anselm College here, just outside Manchester, marked the first time that all the major candidates have stood side by side, providing a new opportunity to draw distinctions.

The debate, which was

sponsored by CNN, represented the return of Newt Gingrich, whose campaign imploded last week when virtually his entire senior strategy team resigned en masse. He has sought to move beyond the controversy and focus on policy ideas he has promoted to lift the economy.

Â Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota, a favorite of the Tea Party movement, made her debut on the debate stage. She delivered a bit of a surprise on Monday evening, saying that she filed the paperwork for her candidacy earlier in the day and intended to make her formal announcement soon.

Rep. Ron Paul of Texas, for-

mer Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania and Herman Cain, a conservative radio host and former chief executive officer of Godfather's Pizza, were also on hand. The candidates stood at lecterns on a brightly lit stage, with a colorful backdrop and the accoutrements of new digital media that is driving this presidential campaign. Missing from the proceedings were two possible entrants, former Gov. Jon M. Huntsman Jr. of Utah, who recently returned from China as Obama's ambassador. He is expected to get into the race as soon as next week, but he declined an invitation to participate in the debate. □

Calls for Weiner to resign puts Pelosi back into the limelight

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On Monday, Rep. Eric Cantor, the Virginia Republican and majority leader, urged House Democratic leaders to do more to show Weiner that he was unwelcome in the House by eliminating some privileges of membership, like his seat on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

"I'm hoping that they will begin to move, if he does not resign, toward things like perhaps stripping of his committees and others," Cantor said. "I mean, I don't think that we have time for this."

Supportive House Democrats and aides to the Democratic leader have defended her, saying there is little that can be done short of an expulsion vote to oust a House member



Huma Abedin, aide to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, is on the phone as the delegation leaves Ethiopia's Prime Minister Meles Zenawi's compound in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Monday, June 13, 2011.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh, POOL)

who is determined to stay. They say she moved forcefully to show Weiner the House door in calling for an ethics investigation immediately after his initial news conference admitting misconduct and lies.

She then urged him outright to resign Saturday. Aides said she spoke with him regularly throughout the past week, trying to make him aware of the consequences of staying in the House despite his scandal.

As for her overall record in the minority, allies said that Pelosi has remained a prodigious fundraiser, had overseen a successful party redistricting strategy and had driven the party's political message attacking Republicans for their plans to overhaul Medicare. □

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Rep. Michele Bachmann enters presidential race

BRIAN BAKST
Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP)

— Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann, an outspoken Republican with close ties to the ultraconservative tea party movement, announced Monday that she is running for president, a candidacy that could further shake up a volatile fight for the party's nomination. The first woman to enter the 2012 race, Bachmann announced her bid during a Republican presidential debate in New Hampshire, which holds nation's first presidential primary.

The third-term Minnesota congresswoman has been leaning heavily toward a run over the past few months, visiting early primary states, raising money and railing against President Barack Obama.

"Our country needs a leader who understands the hardships that people across America have been facing over the past few years, and who will do what it takes to renew the American dream.

We must become a strong and proud America again, and I see clearly a better path to a brighter future," Bachmann said in a statement issued through her new campaign.

She brings high energy, charisma and proven fund-raising ability to the Republican race to nominate a challenger to Obama. She also is known for unyielding stances, biting commen-

tary and high-profile gaffes. Bachmann is attempting the rare leap from the U.S. House of Representatives to the presidency. Despite having low seniority and few policy accomplishments, she has risen to prominence in Washington in part by her frequent television appearances and willingness to attack Obama in sharp terms.

Her popularity with tea party activists and her credentials as a social conservative make her a credible threat to other candidates courting conservatives who make up the core of the Republican Party. Her impact may be felt most in Iowa, the first stop in the nomination battle where Christian evangelicals dominate. □



In this photo, Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., is seen on the set before the taping of Iowa Public Television's Iowa Press, in Johnston, Iowa. Bachmann, an outspoken Republican with close ties to the ultraconservative tea party movement, announced Monday that she is running for president, a candidacy that could further shake up a volatile fight for the party's nomination.

(AP Photo/Charlie Neiburgall, File)

U.S. Briefs

Woman with trail of dead husbands dies

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — An elderly grandmother who left a trail of five dead husbands in five states over decades has died, leaving a longer trail of questions for survivors of her spouses that might never be answered. Betty Neumar, 79, died late Sunday or early Monday in a hospital in Louisiana after an illness, her son-in-law Terry Sanders told The Associated Press. "She was tough country girl and fought through a lot of pain," said Sanders, who has been married 38 years to Neumar's daughter. Authorities in North Carolina said they planned to look into her death. She was free on \$300,000 bond on three counts of solicitation to commit first-degree murder in the 1986 death of her fourth husband, Harold Gentry. Her trial was postponed numerous times since her arrest in 2008. "We're going to make sure we examine the death certificate," said Sheriff Rick Burris. □

NY suit: 'Real Housewives' cast attacked us

NEW YORK (AP) — A Chicago family says members of the "Real Housewives of New Jersey" cast were real louts during a boozy trip to a Caribbean resort. Yolanda Martinez and some of her relatives filed a lawsuit Monday in New York. They say Teresa Guidice from the reality TV series on the Bravo cable network sprayed Champagne in Martinez' face, and then Guidice and others on the show beat up Martinez' son-in-law and his cousin Feb. 23 in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Bravo declined to comment. A representative for series producers Sirens Media had no immediate comment. The lawsuit says Martinez' son-in-law, Adolfo Arreola, and his cousin Jason Gomez quickly signed \$25,000 settlements that also covered up to \$12,000 in medical expenses. The suit says they agreed because they wanted to fly home, and they didn't cash the checks. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages. □

NY woman blames inside trades on affair

NEW YORK (AP) — Lawyers for a woman who was blamed by a New York City insider trading trial co-defendant for using pillow talk to get inside secrets are pointing the finger at her boss, saying he bullied her during a 20-year affair to make her get illegal secrets for him. The lawyers wrote in a submission to a Manhattan federal judge Monday that Danielle Chiesi was manipulated by her boss as he carried on the affair. They're seeking leniency for her. The boss, Mark Kurland, has been sentenced to over two years in prison after pleading guilty in a hedge fund insider trading probe that resulted in more than two dozen arrests. Chiesi pleaded guilty in January and said she was deeply ashamed. Lawyers for Kurland haven't responded to requests for comment. □

Obama offers training plan targeted at high-tech jobs



President Barack Obama at a meeting of the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness while touring the Cree LED Light Company in Durham, N.C., on June 13, 2011. Obama is pressing for more private sector jobs in industries such as tourism and green energy before heading to Miami for three fundraisers.

(Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

HELENE COOPER

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DURHAM, N.C. — Confronting the challenge of running for re-election while the unemployment rate remains stubbornly high, President Barack Obama convened a session of his new jobs council Monday, offering a proposal to train 10,000 U.S. engineering students a year in a targeted program to fill high-tech jobs. The

program, which Obama unveiled during a visit to a lighting manufacturer here, would seek to marry private companies with colleges and universities in a bid to encourage students to focus on science, technology, engineering and math degrees.

"Right now, there are more than four job seekers for every job opening in America," Obama said, in re-

Four inactive U.S. priests removed over alleged abuse claims

BOSTON (AP) — The Archdiocese of Boston says four inactive priests have been defrocked over decades-old allegations of child sexual abuse.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley announced Monday the removal of Robert F. Daly, John Keane, Robert Knapp and Benjamin McMahon.

None had been in active ministry since the 1980s. Their whereabouts haven't been disclosed.

The archdiocese says Keane pleaded guilty in 2008 to indecent assault and battery on a child under 14 and had been absent without permission since 1989.

Daly took leave in 1984 and was accused later. Knapp was accused in 1985 and has been absent without permission since 1988. McMahon took leave in 1986 and was suspended when he was accused in 1991.

The Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests says the Catholic church should keep accused clergy members away from the public, not simply dismiss them. □

marks at Cree Inc., which makes LED lighting products. "But when it comes to science and high-tech fields, the opposite is true: Businesses like this tell me they're having a hard time finding workers to fill their job openings."

In coming to North Carolina to promote his plans to keep high-tech, high-paying jobs in this country, Obama is trying to hang on to a state that he narrowly won in 2008. But highlighting the climb ahead for the president is North Carolina's unemployment rate, which was 9.7 percent in April, the 10th highest in the country. The overall national jobless rate in May was 9.1 percent, up slightly from the month before.

"The world has changed," Obama said. "And for a lot of our friends and neigh-

bors, that change has been painful. Today the single most serious economic problem we face is getting people back to work."

After his remarks at Cree, Obama met there with members of the jobs council he created. Two members of the group – Jeffrey R. Immelt, the chairman and chief executive of General Electric, and Kenneth I. Chenault, the chairman and chief executive of American Express – laid out a few ideas the council is exploring to increase employment in an op-ed article in The Wall Street Journal on Monday.

But none of the ideas, which included setting up job training initiatives, providing loans to small businesses and trying to increase tourism, contained any groundbreaking proposals. □

"To truly bend the curve over the longer term, we need a more strategic view," the two men acknowledged in the article. "Over the next 90 days, we will turn to addressing the actions needed to make a more significant, longer-term impact."

They said they would deliver recommendations in September focusing on "fast-growth" companies, small businesses and the competitiveness of the country's infrastructure. It was unclear how Obama planned to finance his latest jobs proposals. The administration is locked in a debate with congressional Republicans over long-term spending and deficit reduction, facing an August deadline for a decision on raising the country's debt ceiling. □



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AP Interview: Gates sees no bar to lifting gay ban

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Defense secretary Robert Gates sounded cautiously optimistic Monday about developments in troubled Yemen, where the government and opposition tribes have engaged in armed clashes and pushed the country toward civil war. Gates said the situation has calmed a bit since President Ali Abdullah Saleh left for neighboring Saudi Arabia on June 5 for medical treatment of wounds received in an attack on his compound in Yemen.

"I don't think you'll see a full-blown war there," Gates said. "With Saleh being in Saudi Arabia, maybe something can be worked out to bring this to a close" by finding an accommodation among Saleh's family, opposition tribes and the military. On Afghanistan, Gates said Americans should be reassured that the White House

is making another "deep dive" review of the situation as part of President Barack Obama's coming decision on how many U.S. troops to withdraw in July. He said he also expects the Iraqi

effort to share U.S. intelligence about the location of militants' bomb facilities in Pakistan's tribal region. As an act of faith to restore relations with Pakistan, U.S. intelligence in recent weeks

facilities, they had been vacated, Gates said. "We don't know the specifics of what happened," he said. "There are suspicions and there are questions, but I think there was clearly disappointment on our part."

A U.S. official said Monday that after tipping off Pakistani intelligence to the location of the two compounds, U.S. drones and satellite feeds showed the militants cleared out the contents at both sites.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the assumption was that the Pakistanis had tipped off the Haqqanis.

Asked whether it was time to take a harder line with Pakistan, Gates counseled patience and noted that the Pakistanis have not forgotten that the U.S. abandoned them in the late 1980s after the Soviets pull-out out of Afghanistan.

"We need each other, and this relationship goes beyond Afghanistan," he said. "It has to do with regional

stability and I think we have to be realistic about Pakistani distrust ... and their deep belief that when we're done with al-Qaida that we'll be gone, again." Despite recurring tensions between Washington and Islamabad, and questions by some in Congress about the wisdom of having spent billions of dollars on aiding Pakistan since al-Qaida's Sept. 11, 2001, attacks against the United States, Gates said the effort has paid off. "I think it's been a worthwhile investment on our part," he said. Gates, who originally opposed U.S. military intervention in Libya, predicted that strongman Moammar Gadhafi will fall, "whether it's of his own volition or somebody takes care of it for him." By that Gates meant either the military or Gadhafi's own family could turn against him. Gates also said he expects no problems when the military services implements a law allowing gay men and women to serve openly. □



Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, speaks during an interview with The Associate Press in his office at the Pentagon Monday, June 13, 2011 in Washington.

(AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

government to request that some U.S. troops remain in Iraq beyond this year.

On Pakistan, the Pentagon chief said the administration was concerned by the suspicious outcome of an

shared the location of two such compounds believed to contain bomb material held by the al-Qaida-linked Haqqani extremist network. But by the time Pakistani authorities reached the

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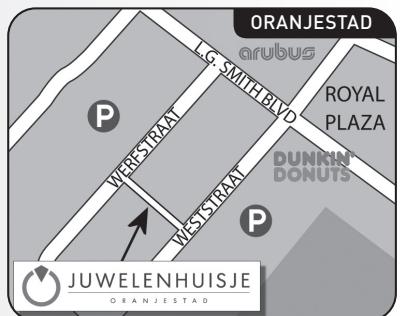
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Hollywood party hosts more than just stars



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Tonight, 50 Cent will walk the Red Carpet at Paseo Herencia Mall at approximately 7:30 pm.

The pictures showcase the fun that was had at the magical Zissles, where only fun can be had. □

~ Photos by Julia Renfro



Team of the First Quarter acknowledged at the Renaissance



ORANJESTAD - Top producers for January, February & March were acknowledged at the end of the first quarter for 2011. The celebration, at the Renaissance Convention Center, was emceed by Irma Wilson & Ruth Pablo of the department of human resources, and included a gourmet lunch catered by

the culinary team of the centre. The Team of the First Quarter of 2011, for both the Renaissance Marina Tower and the Renaissance Beach Suites included many excellent nominees, among them for the Heart of the House, Anoushka Rasmijn, Accounting Clerk, Nestro Medina, Electrician/Engineering and Mi-

nerva Yarzagaray, Room Attendant. For the Front of the House, the following were nominated Sugeiry Laucer, Waitress Blue Bar, Xamira Geerman, Barista-Starbucks Renaissance Mall and Cerilio Fingal, Boat Captain, Renaissance Island. Among Supervisors Ruth Silveiro, Housekeeping and Francois Maduro, Food

& Beverage L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House, distinguished themselves for their stellar performance during the first quarter of the year. The winners, personally congratulated by General Manager Paul Gielen, were presented with certificates of recognitions and engraved plaques, and included Danny Rojas,

General Engineer, Mario Lucio, Bellman and supervisor Giovanni Kock, Rooms Controller. Jose Dominguez, from Food & Beverage recommended by Director John Grigg won the manager of the quarter award. Pictured here, the Renaissance Team of the First Quarter. □

La Cabana conducts a celebratory general assembly



EAGLE BEACH - The mood at the General Assembly at La Cabana All Suite Beach Resort was very festive and buoyant as the resort has just achieved a very satisfying high score, in a professional poll gauging the level of employee satisfaction. General Manager Joe Najjar and the executive committee prepared an uplifting and motivating program for the assembly, celebrating the achievement and setting even higher goals for the following year.

The poll by an independent third party, tallied all answers regarding overall work aspects and achieved a 78.9% score for the resort.

The number was echoed in the balloon arrange-



ments and in the decorations, as well as in the cash raffle prizes of Awg 78.9, designed to further etch the results in everyone's mind! Special certificates of recognition were handed to the Front Desk, to Housekeeping and to Engineer-

ing who contributed most to the revolution in attitude and strategy. Pictured here the celebration which also included an interesting discourse by Assistant General Manager Jessica Franken painting success as a journey not a destination. □



The Clubhouse at Gold Coast breaks ground



WESTPUNT- Gold Coast Director Fito Croes and family proudly welcomed local dignitaries, media, stakeholders and homeowners for the groundbreaking of The Clubhouse at Gold Coast on Thursday evening, June 9, 2011. Gold Coast, when completed, will consist of 270 townhomes, villas and condominiums in a secure, gated community. The developers stated they

consider the Clubhouse to be the "Jewel in the Crown" of this highly successful project, which has attracted vacation home buyers from around the globe. Gold Coast originally broke ground in 2006 and started construction of the first phase in mid-2007 and since then has sold 60% of the community and delivered the keys to 128 homeowners. The commu-

nity currently sports 2 beautiful swimming pool plazas. The Clubhouse will contain the 3rd and largest, a man made lagoon with a beach style pool. Offering beautiful vistas of Aruba's natural beauty, the Clubhouse facilities will include a fitness center, convenience/logo store, business center, meeting rooms, spa and salon, 2 tennis courts, play areas and gardens

on 9000 square meters. The management office along with on site concierge and rental offices will be moved into the Clubhouse upon completion, which is expected to early in 2013.

"Clients purchasing at Gold Coast are receiv-

ing more than a house for their investment," Mr. Croes told the gathering, "they are becoming a part of vacation community with superlative amenities and a unique lifestyle. The club-house, we have always felt, will be the nucleus of this resort home experience." This facility will greatly enhance the existing facilities and resort style services and will be of great value to the growing vacation rental program.

Mr. Croes further expressed his gratitude to the various financial institutions, stakeholders and staff members, whose combined efforts, determination and creativity have helped make the Gold Coast community such a success.

He also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the homeowners for their patience and support during the process of seeing the Clubhouse become a reality, and reminded the gathering that "a project of this magnitude will always experience some delays.

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The ceremony was followed by a poolside celebration. □

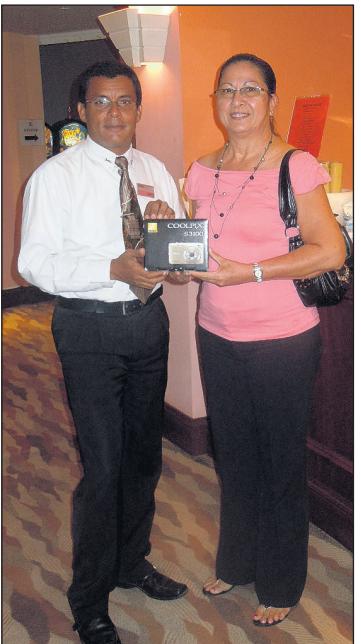


Jackpots and Prizes at the Casino at the Radisson

PALM BEACH – The Casino at the Radisson was as active as ever this week, entertaining resort guests, locals and many others, visiting from neighboring hotels. Taking full advantage of the daily and weekly activities planned, patrons won prizes and surprises, played bingo, participated in poker and slot tournaments and in general had a fantastic time, pocketing in excess of \$ 5.000 in jackpots.

The weekly Casino Bonanza, unfolding on Tuesdays, handed out cash and prizes to a number of lucky players such as Don Buonavolanta, Danielle Wayda and Douglas Hinkofer, all staying at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa. Friday's activity featuring a raffle among slot and table game players awarded a Digital Camera to Magda Tromp, dinner for two at Laguna Restaurant to Mena Tromp and dinner for two

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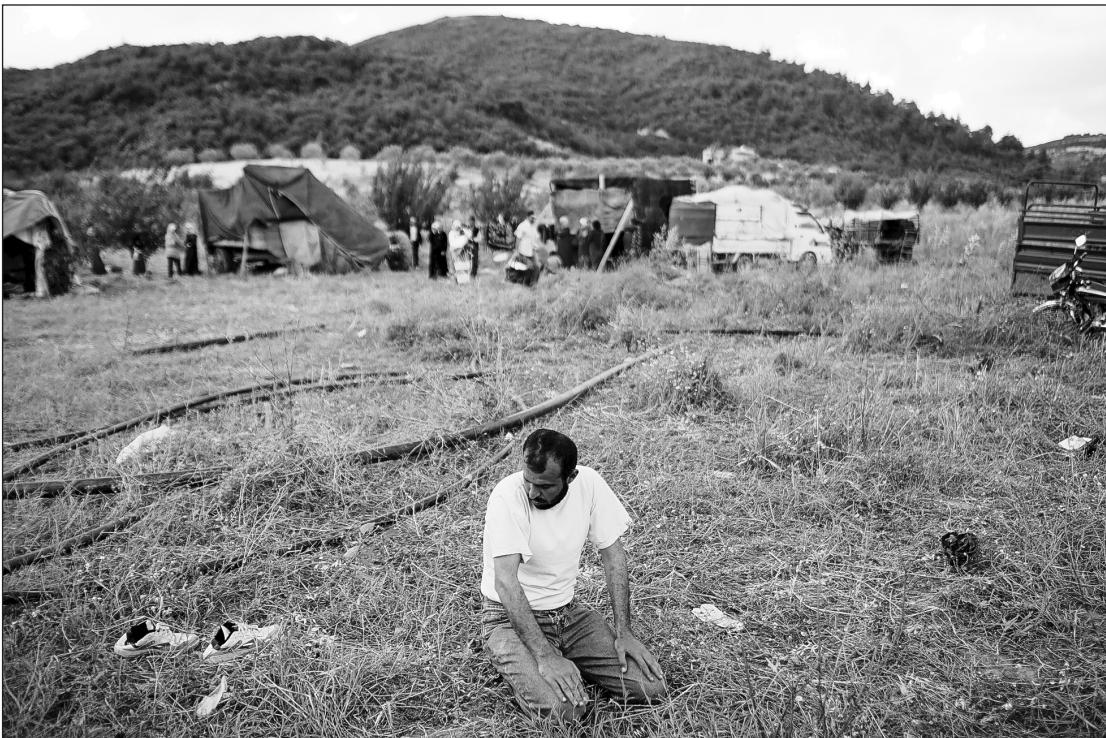
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Syrian unrest stirs new fear of a deeper sectarian divide

ANTHONY SHADID

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — The Syrian government's retaking of a town this weekend that had teetered beyond its control is sharpening sectarian tensions along one of the country's most explosive fault lines: relations between the Sunni Muslim majority and the minority Alawite sect to which the family of President Bashar Assad belongs, residents and officials say. Each side offered a litany of complaints about the other, according to interviews with refugees, resident and activists, suggesting, even in a small sample, deepening animosities in a country where the fear of civil war is at once real and used as a pretext for suppressing dissent. Syria is a volatile blend of Sunnis, Alawites, Christians, Kurds and others inhabiting the same land but with disproportionate political power vested in the Alawite elite. Jisr al-Shughour, where the government used tanks and helicopters to crush what it called "armed terrorist gangs," sits in a landscape as complicated as anywhere in Syria. It is a Sunni town with an Alawite town less than a mile to the south, interspersed with Christian and more Sunni settlements. One Sunni resident of Jisr al-Shughour said he received a text message from an Alawite friend asking if his family was OK. "I replied, 'My two sisters with a baby have been killed,'" said the resident, who gave his name as



A Syrian man, displaced by fighting, prays at a makeshift camp in Khirbet al-Jouz, along the Syrian-Turkish border, Syria, June 13, 2011. On Monday thousands of Syrians crossed the border into Turkey to escape a military attack backed with helicopters and tanks with more than 6,000 Syrians having crossed into Turkey in the past few days, many from Idlib province.

(Daniel Etter/The New York Times)

Mohammed. Others accused Alawite neighbors of taking part in the crackdown, some coming from a town less than a mile away. Some suggested those same neighbors set up checkpoints on nearby

roads, ostensibly to detain government opponents. Alawites, on the other hand, shuddered at the prospect of Sunni insurgents who they believe may have helped wrest Jisr al-Shughour, at least momentarily, from

government hands.

"I'm so worried that the country might be dragged toward a sectarian confrontation," said Aqsaam Naisi, an Alawite lawyer and human rights activist in Damascus. "Jisr al-Shughour is

one example, and I hope it will be one that passes."

The prospect alarms outsiders as well and has been one reason that the United States and Arab neighbors have as a whole been reluctant to push out Assad.

"The sectarian aspect, the divisions and the animosity are getting worse," said an Obama administration official in Washington, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "I don't think it will go away. What happened in the northwest will only harden the Alawite feelings, harden them as a group, harden their animosity toward the Sunnis and vice versa. It will only harden this divide." The depth of sectarian divisions in Syria — a country no less diverse than Iraq and Lebanon, both neighbors that fought civil wars — remains in dispute, although they already have punctuated protests and crackdowns in towns like Baniyas, on the Mediterranean coast, and Tel Kalakh, near the Lebanese border, since the uprising erupted in March. □

Hezbollah-heavy cabinet named in Lebanon

NADA BAKRI

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — Lebanon's new prime minister, Najib Mikati, announced Monday a long-delayed government dominated by members and allies of the Shiite militant group Hezbollah, a move likely to alarm Western powers. Mikati was appointed in January after Hezbollah and its allies toppled the Western-backed government of Saad Hariri in a dispute over the investigation of the killing of Hariri's

father, Rafik, a billionaire and former prime minister. Five months passed between Mikati's appointment and Monday's announcement, a protracted dispute that many Lebanese saw as emblematic of the country's political dysfunction. While bickering over posts in the cabinet and their distribution among sects and political powers was the ostensible reason for the delay, the arguments underlined a country deeply divided over questions of ideology, the power of for-

eign patrons and which community would hold sway over Lebanon's political landscape. As the cabinet was announced, many expressed relief, hoping for a respite from the series of crises that has marked Lebanon since Hariri's assassination in 2005. But only a couple of hours later, Talal Arslan, a state minister in the new cabinet, announced his resignation, accusing Mikati of being a "liar" and of seeking to deprive the minority Druse of key cabinet posts. □

Yemen's opposition meets with vice president

LAURA KASINOF

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SANA'A, Yemen — Leaders of the political opposition met Monday with Yemen's vice president, Abed Rabbo Mansour al-Hadi, and two other senior governing party officials here in the first known meeting between the two sides since the beginning of the year. The U.S. ambassador, Gerald Feierstein, had pressed both sides to meet after the attack on the presidential palace June 3. President Ali Abdullah Saleh was seriously wounded in the attack, as were at least five other senior officials of the governing party. The following day, Saleh and about a dozen senior political allies were transferred to Saudi Arabia for medical treatment.

In accordance with Yemen's Constitution, Hadi became acting president in Saleh's absence.

Both sides described the meeting as a first step toward reconciliation. The distrust between the parties has only grown worse since the popular uprising calling for Saleh's ouster began in January; bickering between the two sides has been a factor in preventing a resolution to the political stalemate in Yemen,

which has left the country's economy on the verge of collapse.

The meeting did not necessarily indicate movement



A female anti-government protestor displays her hands with Arabic reading, "No surrender, no way back", during a demonstration demanding the resignation of President Ali Abdullah Saleh, in Taiz, Yemen, Monday, June 13, 2011. Yemen's acting president agreed on Monday with opposition parties to begin discussions on how to transfer power from the country's embattled president, an opposition spokesman said.

(AP Photo/Anees Mahyoub)

on a transition of power, or that a Western-backed plan brokered by a bloc of Persian Gulf nations to

end the crisis was going to be resuscitated. Meanwhile, questions continue to be raised about Saleh's health. Diplomats in Sanaa, the capital, and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he is being treated, said his condition had grown worse. But a Saudi doctor was quoted by a Yemeni news agency as saying that the president was improving.

Hostility between the governing party and a coalition of opposition parties known as the JMP is "why he have this crisis," said Mohammed Tayeb, a leading official in the governing party.

One of the coalition's leaders, Mohammed Abdel-Malik al-Mutawakil, said that the coalition "now wants to establish a link between them and us." For months, the opposition coalition had refused to meet directly with the governing party, but Saleh's departure has evidently caused a change in its stance.

After the meeting, al-Mutawakil said that when the opposition tried to discuss a transfer of power with al-Hadi, the vice president, "he wanted to avoid being frank in that issue." Tayeb said that a discussion about a transition of power was not the purpose of the meeting. □

Syrian blog hoaxter says sorry, but anger remains

JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A 40-year-old American man living in Scotland said Monday he's sorry for posing as a Syrian lesbian blogger who offered vivid accounts of life amid revolt and repression in Damascus, a still-unraveling hoax that has exposed the difficulty of sifting truth from fiction online.

Tom MacMaster said he created the fictional persona of Amina Arraf and the "Gay Girl in Damascus" blog to draw attention to conditions in a Middle East convulsed by change.

"I never meant to hurt anyone," the Edinburgh University grad student wrote in a long apology on the blog. The university said it had suspended MacMaster's computer privileges while it investigated whether he had breached its rules. And as the deceit unspooled, a second blogger

known as Paula Brooks, who posted some of the fraudulent Arraf's comments on a lesbian news site, admitted to being a man who had adopted a fake lesbian persona.

The Washington Post reported late Monday that "Brooks" was a 58-year-old retired U.S. air force member named Bill Gruber. Gruber admitted the deceit when phoned by the AP.

He said he had set up the Lezgetreal.com site to advance the gay and lesbian cause and felt he would not be taken seriously as a straight man.

"LezGetReal was not meant to be deceitful or con anyone," he said.

He also claimed to have helped unmask MacMaster by tracking his posts to computer servers in Edinburgh.

"He would have got away with it if I hadn't been such

a stand-up guy," Gruber said.

Gay rights activists and bloggers say MacMaster's deceit has endangered real people who are trying to tell their stories in authoritarian societies.

"He completely stole the limelight of real LGBT bloggers and activists in the Middle East and diverted it in a negative way," said Dan Littauer of the website Gay Middle East.

Daniel Nassar, the pseudonym of a Syrian man affiliated with Gay Middle East, said MacMaster had put all gay Syrians in danger.

"If I was living in a country where I could sue this person because he has damaged me and damaged my cause ... then I would," he said.

The blogs about life as a Syrian-American lesbian grabbed international attention soon after they began in February. □

World Briefs

Video shows prosecutor's decapitation

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Federal officials say they found a video of the decapitation of a Guatemalan prosecutor in the cell phone of an alleged Zetas cartel member captured earlier this month. The 50-second video recorded May 24 purportedly shows now-detained Mexican suspect Salvador Arguelles Briones cutting prosecutor Alan Stwolinsky's head off with a large knife. Photos in the cell phone show Arguelles holding another decapitated head, and a heart close to his mouth as if about to eat it.

Interior Ministry authorities showed the video to The Associated Press over the weekend. Arguelles was arrested on June 4 with 14 others in connection with the murder of Stwolinsky. His killing is believed to have been retaliation for helping seize 434 kilograms (957 pounds) of cocaine from the Zetas. □

Ex-Army major pleads guilty to bribes

IRAQ — A retired U.S. Army major pleaded guilty Monday to accepting \$250,000 in bribes for contracts to supply bottled water to American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Derrick Shoemake, 49, entered pleas to two bribery counts in federal court in Los Angeles, the Department of Justice said. Shoemake was in charge of coordinating and accepting delivery of bottled water to troops in Iraq when he served at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait in 2005 and 2006. Authorities said two military contractors, one from Saudi Arabia and another from India, paid him to award them bottled water contracts. The Justice Department said some of the money was delivered to Shoemake in cash in Kuwait and the rest was hand-delivered to his wife in Moreno Valley, California. Each count is punishable by 15 years in prison, plus a fine of at least \$250,000. Sentencing has not been set. □

Carstens questions European the IMF

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mexican central banker Agustín Carstens said Monday that the next leader of the International Monetary Fund should not be European because those nations are borrowing heavily from the lending organization. But he also acknowledged that his own bid was a long shot. Carstens pressed his candidacy to head the IMF during a speech at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, a Washington think tank. European officials have closed ranks behind French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde, who has emerged as the front-runner. Carstens acknowledged the steep challenge he faces, saying the chances of Lagarde winning the job are "quite high." Carstens he said it was important for developing countries to have a choice in the election.

He made the point that Lagarde's candidacy would create "conflicts of interest" because Greece, Ireland and Portugal are borrowing heavily from the Fund. And while he may not succeed, he said he hoped his candidacy would pave the way for emerging market candidates in the future. □

No Christ statue to overlook coast

LIMA, Peru (AP) — The mayor of the Peru's capital may have spoiled President Alan Garcia's plans to erect a huge statue of Jesus similar to Brazil's iconic Christ the Redeemer on a hill overlooking Lima's Pacific coastline. Lima Mayor Susana Villaran says Garcia didn't ask her before announcing on Friday his intention to have "Christ of the Pacific" put up for a June 29 inauguration. The statue is 22 meters (72 feet) high and would stand atop a 15-meter (49-foot) base. Villaran has criticized its suitability and lack of originality — it resembles the famed Rio de Janeiro work. She told reporters Monday there are plenty of other places to put it, such as along the nearly completed Interocceanic highway that would link Peruvian with Brazilian ports. □



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European natural gas pipelines plagued by uncertainties

JAMES KANTER

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Andrew E. Kramer contributed reporting from Moscow.

BRUSSELS — Europe would like nothing better than to have a secure and predictable supply of natural gas to deal with harsh winters. Yet two competing projects remain plagued by uncertainties, presenting political challenges that have yet to be addressed.

The EU relies on Russia for about 25 percent of its natural gas, and that dependence is likely to increase unless it secures alternative supplies.

In 2006, after Russia turned off the flow of gas to Ukraine — long the established route for sending Russian gas to Europe — in the dead of winter, the European Commission cranked up plans developed a few years earlier to build a pipeline, Nabucco, to deliver gas to Europe from the Caspian region and bypass Russia.

A year later, Gazprom, the monopoly exporter of Russia's natural gas, and Eni, a major Italian energy company, introduced plans for South Stream. The project calls for running a pipeline underneath the Black Sea and delivering large amounts of fuel to the EU sometime in the second half of this decade. But despite years of promotion, the cost and even the exact route for South Stream are still unclear. "More than ever South Stream looks like an implausibly huge and risky investment," said Christian Egenhofer, an energy expert at the Center for European Policy Studies, a research group in Brussels. "But the more that South Stream appears real, the more that Russia can beguile Europe into thinking that alternatives to Russian gas are unnecessary."

Nevertheless, the plan already has served a valuable purpose for Russia by casting further doubt on the viability of rival projects that would loosen Moscow's grip on the European market. It has also weakened the bargaining power of middlemen like Ukraine that have sought to cash in on their strategic locations.

At the same time, Russia has sought to deny Nabucco vital gas supplies in Asia and woo away its customer base in the West, in a contest that has been compared with the intricacies of a chess game.

In one instance in 2007, Vladimir Putin, then Russia's president, agreed with the leaders of Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan to build a new pipeline north, to Russia, depriving Nabucco of potential gas supplies.

Two years later, Putin, as Russia's prime minister, traveled to Turkey to secure an agreement allowing Gazprom to carry out environmental and seismic tests necessary for building South Stream. Just one month earlier, European governments signed a transit agreement with Turkey for Nabucco.

One big reason for skepticism about both projects is the cost. The South Stream bill is estimated to be at least 15.5 billion euros, or \$22.3 billion. That is about double what Nabucco was expected to cost, at least initially, largely because Nabucco would not run under such a large body of water as the Black Sea, and because Nabucco would carry less gas. □

Voters deal Berlusconi latest blow in referendums

COLLEEN BARRY,
Associated Press

MILAN (AP) — Italian voters turned out in large numbers to deal Premier Silvio Berlusconi his latest blow at the ballot box, overturning laws passed by his government to revive nuclear energy, privatize the water supply — and help him avoid prosecution.

ment.

Center-left opposition leader Pier Luigi Bersani said the referendum results were tantamount to "a divorce between the government and the country." Activists for the "yes" vote on four referendums erupted in cheers in the capital Rome when it became clear that voter turnout,

laws to privatize the water supply, kill a law reviving nuclear energy and undo the so-called "legitimate impediment" law offering the Italian leader a partial legal shield in criminal prosecutions. Each referendum passed with around 95 percent.

Italy becomes the second Group of Eight country after Germany to ditch nuclear energy following the nuclear disaster in Japan triggered by the March 11 quake and tsunami. Germany announced last month plans to abandon its nuclear program by 2022. It is the second time Italy has said no to nuclear power. The first time was a 1987 referendum, the year after the Chernobyl disaster in Ukraine.

"The high turnout for the referendums demonstrates that the desire of citizens to participate in the decisions about our future cannot be ignored," Berlusconi said in a statement. "The government has the duty to fully take into account the response to the four referendums."

Berlusconi's majority in Parliament will be tested next week during a vote on the new government appointments. Insisting upon the vote was President Giorgio Napolitano, who decides whether coalitions command enough loyalty in the legislature to effectively govern. The vote will give the restive allies in the Northern League an opportunity to demonstrate whether they will still stick with Berlusconi, or jump ship. One prominent Northern League leader as well as minister, Roberto Calderoli, said the League was tired "of being slapped in the face." □



Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi gestures during a joint news conference with Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in Rome, Monday, June 13, 2011. Netanyahu is in Italy to rally opposition to Palestinian plans to have the U.N. recognize a Palestinian state in September.

(AP Photo/Andrew Medichini)

The defeat on four referendums on the ballot Sunday and Monday was Berlusconi's second in as many weeks, after his candidates lost mayoral races in his stronghold Milan and trash-choked Naples in a vote the billionaire media mogul himself had billed as a referendum on his govern-

topping 57 percent, had surpassed the quorum needed to validate the vote. It was the first time since 1995 that the quorum of more than 50 percent was reached.

Final results showed clear overwhelming majorities of those casting ballots chose to throw out two



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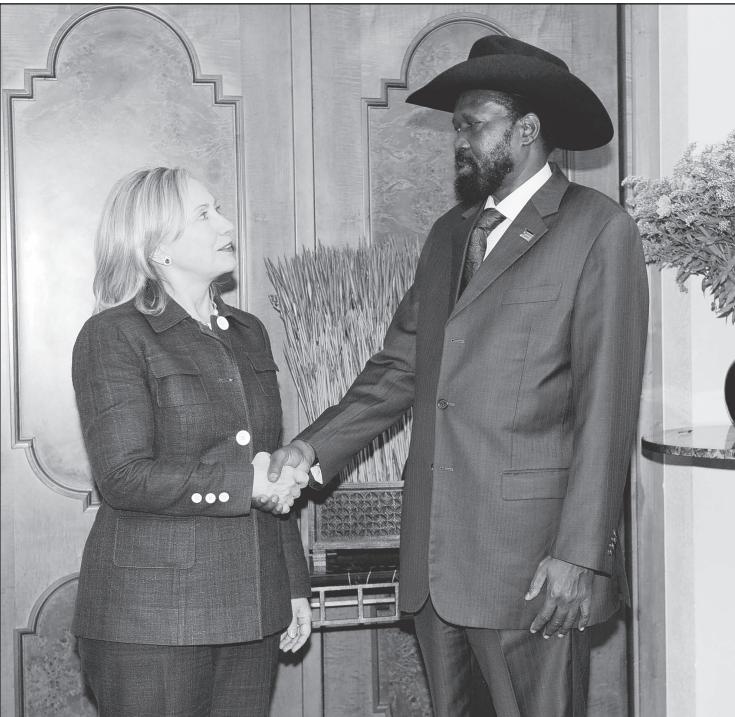
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Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP)

— North and south Sudan have agreed "in principle" to demilitarize the disputed central Sudan region of Abyei and to allow an Ethiopian peacekeeping team to come in, an official said. Details of the agreement are yet to be worked out. The agreement was reached Monday after two days of talks between the presidents of Sudan's north and south, said Barney Afako, spokesman for former South African President Thabo Mbeki, who is helping lead the negotiations. "The parties have agreed to the idea that the Abyei area should be demilitarized and they agreed in principle that the southern and the northern forces are to pull out of the area," Afako said.

The political status of Abyei



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton shares a laugh with Sudanese first Vice President of Southern Sudan Salva Kiir in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Monday, June 13, 2011.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

and issues such as oil revenues are yet to be discussed, Afako said. To assist with the demilitarization,

the Ethiopian government offered to send in troops to oversee security so that civilians who fled can return,

he said.

Afako emphasized that the two parties are still engaged in negotiations and that many details remain to be agreed on.

Earlier on Monday U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the U.S. wants to see northern troops withdraw from Abyei and would welcome Ethiopian peacekeepers being sent in.

Southern Sudan secedes from the north July 9 but tensions have been rising over border issues. Abyei, which has pockets of oil and abundant grass for northern tribesmen's cattle, has long been the major source of friction between north and south.

"We would welcome both parties agreeing to ask Ethiopia, which has volunteered to send peacekeepers and to do so as part of a United Nations mission that will be strengthened," Clinton told a news conference in Tanzania. "The United States has made our view very clearly known to both President Bashir and Vice President Kiir and I am looking forward to hearing positive news out of their ongoing discussions."

Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir and Southern Sudan President Salva Kiir met in Ethiopia's capital for a second day of talks over Abyei. □

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"With this council, we want to support the building of a democratic and law-abiding Libya." Germany will open a small mission in Benghazi, joining the United States, the European Union, the United Nations, Britain, France, Spain, Malta and Qatar, which have established a presence in Benghazi in the past several weeks. Washington, however, has not extended diplomatic recognition to the council.

Westerwelle's announcement comes just days after Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany visited Washington in what was widely seen as a fence-mending mission designed to bury months of acrimony over the Greek debt crisis, the euro and Libya.

Germany, which joined the U.N. Security Council in January, surprised its allies when it abstained from voting on a resolution that authorized a no-fly zone over Libya and airstrikes to protect the civilian population from Gadhafi's forces, which at the time were advancing toward Benghazi. The German government said then that it abstained because it opposed any military operation against Libya. □



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'The American style':

National design hidden in plain sight

EDWARD ROTHSTEIN

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NEW YORK – One sign of a powerful style is its invisibility. It is so familiar it is scarcely noticed. It is so natural, how could things be otherwise? We don't really pay attention to the style itself. Instead we notice contrasts,

rator at the museum, and Thomas Mellins, who has recently mounted the New York Public Library's centennial exhibition – argue that this style, while strongly associated with the six decades that framed the beginning of the 20th century, is still so influential that it has

aware of its distinctive detail: symmetrical rectangular panels with a centered knocker; crisp, geometric framing with columns flattened into pilasters; a semi-oval fan window above, its decorative curves gently softening the door's commanding rectitude.



A museum worker puts together the final touches on an exhibit called "The American Style: Colonial Revival and The Modern Metropolis," at the Museum of the City of New York, in New York, June 10, 2011. The exhibit looks to show the impact of Colonial Revival on the nation's design.

(Jennifer S. Altman/The New York Times)

variations, violations. One of the achievements of the illuminating exhibition "The American Style," which opens Tuesday at the Museum of the City of New York, is that it helps make the invisible visible. With photographs of grand mansions and suburban residences; with images of high schools, apartment buildings, town halls and post offices; with examples of mass-market furniture and finely made cabinetry; with pewter candlesticks and pictorial wall murals and floor plans, the exhibition gradually helps us see what is all around us. Its subtitle defines the terrain: "Colonial Revival and the Modern Metropolis." Colonial Revival, we come to recognize, is latent in much of our architecture, furniture and urban design. And the show's creators – Donald Albrecht, a cu-

become (even when rejected) "the quintessential American style."

Architects and designers, professionally attentive to such matters, will not be surprised by that assertion or by the arguments the curators make. But many of us, only intermittently attentive, will discover, like Moliere's bourgeois gentleman, that we have been speaking "prose" all our lives – prose written in the language of this style.

But what is Colonial Revival? What effect does it have? Why has it been so powerful? When we enter the gallery, the first object we see is a mahogany-colored door within its frame, recently created by Peter Pennoyer Architects for a house in Nantucket, Mass. It is handsome, grand and, in certain respects, thoroughly familiar. But seeing it out of context, we become

The door is almost an abstraction of the style, drawing on some elements, stripping away others, emphasizing a commanding, classical authority. Its allusions are to the architecture of Colonial America, which was itself a kind of reduced version of Georgian English style. There should be more analytical detail about Colonial Revival here, as in the generally helpful companion book; it would help to be patiently shown the character of that grammar, tracing its allusions and its transformations. But we begin to piece elements together ourselves in the examples on display, seeing the relatively flat facades, rectangular foundations, columned porches, paneled wood doors, shingled roofs, red brick. We see, too, how these various elements can be used to create buildings that are

both imposing and comforting, grand and quaint. A 1939 Howard Johnson's in Queens seems to put the word colonial in quotation marks. And we look at a 1915 monograph showing the work of McKim, Mead & White, whose principals toured New England in the 1880s, learning from its colonial buildings, before becoming influential shapers of the Colonial Revival at the end of the 19th century. Photographs of George Washington High School on Audubon Avenue in Washington Heights, built in 1925, and Benjamin Franklin High School on the Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive in Manhattan, built in 1941, show buildings that invoke the

colonial past not just with their names but also with porticos resembling pillared Greek temples, topped by cupolas meant to echo small-town churches and city halls.

They also reveal a double aspect of the style, which is one of the things that has made it so flexible. In one respect it elevates a building, invoking the classical past that the founding fathers had also looked to for inspiration; the place is meant to be imposing, worthy of allegiance and devotion. In another respect, it humbles that same building: It is not meant to overwhelm but to welcome. It turns the grand into something comfortable. □

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Medicare saves money

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Every once in a while a politician comes up with an idea that's so bad, so wrongheaded, that you're almost grateful. For really bad ideas can help illustrate the extent to which policy discourse has gone off the rails.

And so it was with Sen. Joseph Lieberman's proposal, released last week, to raise the age for Medicare eligibility to 67 from 65. Like Republicans who want to end Medicare as we know it and replace it with (grossly inadequate) insurance vouchers, Lieberman describes his proposal as a way to save Medicare. It wouldn't actually do that. But more to the point, our goal shouldn't be to "save Medicare," whatever that means. It should be to ensure that Americans get the health care they need, at a cost the nation can afford.

And here's what you need to know: Medicare actually saves money — a lot of money — compared with relying on private insurance companies. And this in turn means that pushing people out of Medicare, in addition to depriving many Americans of needed care, would almost surely end up increasing total health care costs.

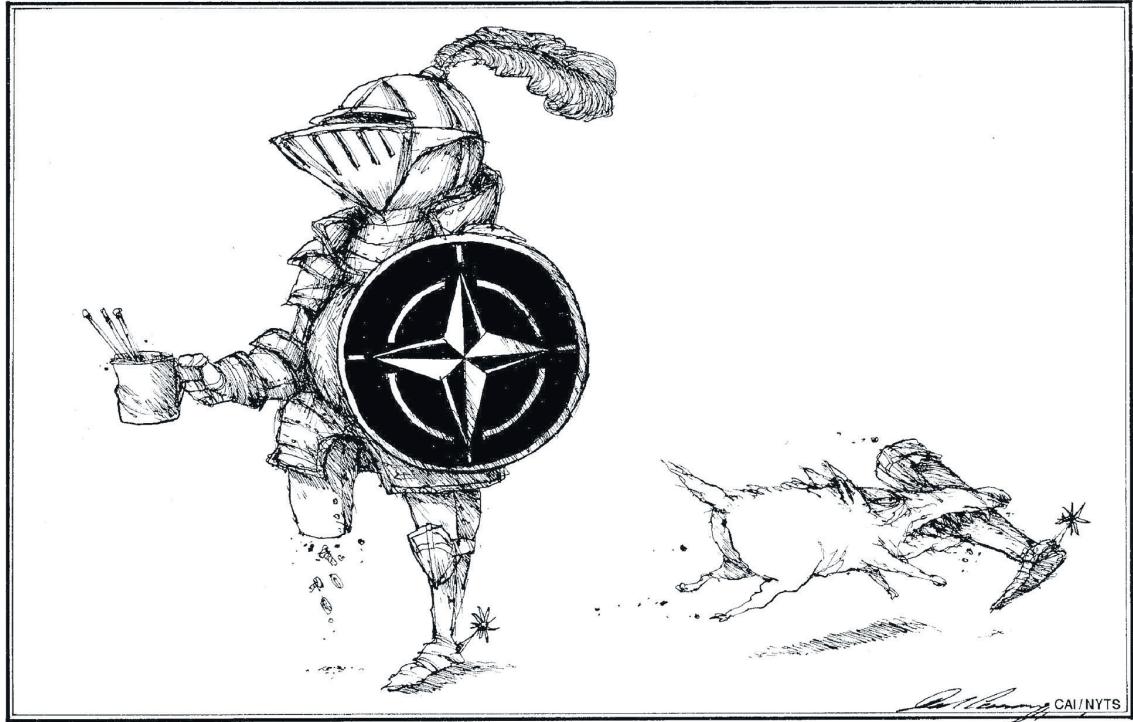
The idea of Medicare as a money-saving program may seem hard to grasp. After all, hasn't Medicare spending risen dramatically over time? Yes, it has: Adjusting for overall inflation, Medicare spending per beneficiary rose more than 400 percent from 1969 to 2009. But inflation-adjusted premiums on private health insurance rose more than 700 percent over the same period. So while it's true that Medicare has done an

inadequate job of controlling costs, the private sector has done much worse. And if we deny Medicare to 65- and 66-year-olds, we'll be forcing them to get private insurance — if they can — that will cost much more than it would have cost to provide the same coverage through Medicare.

By the way, we have direct evidence about the higher costs of private insurance via the Medicare Advantage program, which allows Medicare beneficiaries to get their coverage through the private sector. This was supposed to save money; in fact, the program costs taxpayers substantially more per beneficiary than traditional Medicare.

And then there's the international evidence. The United States has the most privatized health care system in the advanced world; it also has, by far, the most expensive care, without gaining any clear advantage in quality for all that spending. Health is one area in which the public sector consistently does a better job than the private sector at controlling costs. Indeed, as the economist (and former Reagan adviser) Bruce Bartlett points out, high U.S. private spending on health care, compared with spending in other advanced countries, just about wipes out any benefit we might receive from our relatively low tax burden. So where's the gain from pushing seniors out of an admittedly expensive system, Medicare, into even more expensive private health insurance?

Wait, it gets worse. Not every 65- or 66-year-old denied Medicare would be able to get private coverage — in fact, many would find themselves uninsured. So what would these seniors do? Well, as the health economists Austin Frakt and Aaron Carroll document, right now Americans in their early 60s without health insurance routinely delay needed care, only to become very expensive Medicare recipients once they reach 65. □

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The online looking glass

**ROSS DOUTHAT**

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In every time and place, people have associated new technologies with moral decline. "Men think that it is essential that the Nation have commerce," Henry David Thoreau griped in 1854, "and export ice, and talk through a telegraph, and ride thirty miles an hour ... but whether we should live like baboons or like men, is a little uncertain." Similar anxieties have greeted most subsequent inventions, from the automobile to the iPhone: We're always teetering on the brink of baboondom, always one technological leap away from forfeiting our humanity.

Sometimes, though, the pessimists are right to worry. Technology really does affect character. Cultures do change from era to era, sometimes for the worse. Particular vices can be encouraged by particular innovations, and thrive in the new worlds that they create.

In the sad case of Rep. Anthony Weiner's virtual adultery, the Internet

era's defining vice has been thrown into sharp relief. It isn't lust or smut or infidelity, though online life encourages all three. It's a desperate, adolescent narcissism.

The idea that modern America is in thrall to self-regard dates to the 1970s, when writers like Tom Wolfe and Christopher Lasch famously critiqued the excesses of what Wolfe dubbed the "me decade." But a growing body of research suggests that American self-involvement is actually reaching an apogee in the age of Facebook and Twitter. According to a variety of sociologists (San Diego State's Jean Twenge, Notre Dame's Christian Smith, and others), younger Americans are more self-absorbed, less empathetic and hungrier for approbation than earlier generations — and these trends seem to have accelerated as Internet culture has ripened. The rituals of social media, it seems, make status-seekers and exhibitionists of us all.

At 46, Weiner isn't technically a member of Generation Facebook, but he's clearly a well-habituited creature of the online social world. The fact that he used the Internet's freedoms to violate his marriage vows isn't particularly noteworthy. That's just the usual Spitzer-Schwarzenegger routine

performed on a virtual plane. What's more striking is the form his dalliances took — not a private surrender to lust or ardor, but a pathetic quest for quasipublic validation. In all the tweets and transcripts that have leaked to date, there's no sign that Weiner was particularly interested in the women he communicated with — not as human beings, certainly, but not really even as lust objects either. His "partners" existed less to titillate him than to hold up mirrors to his own vanity: Whether the congressman was tweeting photos of his upper body or bragging about what lurked below, his focus was always squarely on himself. If Bill Clinton was seduced by a flash of Monica Lewinsky's thong, Weiner seems to have been led into temptation primarily by the desire to boast about his own endowments.

In this sense, his tweeted chest shots are more telling than the explicitly pornographic photos that followed. There was a time when fame and influence were supposed to liberate men from such adolescent insecurity. When Henry Kissinger boasted about power being the ultimate aphrodisiac, the whole point was that he didn't have to worry about his pecs and glutes while, say, wooing the former Bond girl Jill St. John. □

Liriano nearly perfect as Twins top Rangers

Minnesota Twins' starting pitcher Francisco Liriano delivers against the Texas Rangers during the first inning of a baseball game on Sunday, June 12, 2011, in Minneapolis.

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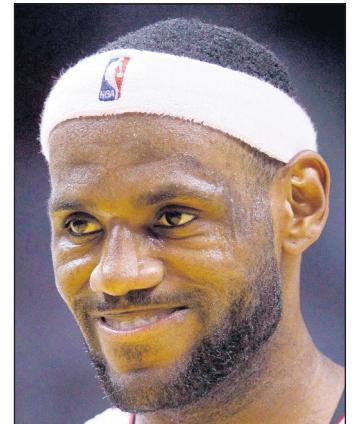
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BRU-WIN

Stanley Cup: Bruins win 5-1 to force 7th game

Boston Bruins' goaltender Tim Thomas celebrates his team's 5-2 over the Vancouver Canucks in Game 6 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals in Boston, Monday, June 13, 2011. The series is now tied 3-3. Associated Press
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Miami Heat's LeBron James reacts during the first half of Game 6 of the NBA Finals basketball game against the Dallas Mavericks Sunday, June 12, 2011, in Miami. Associated Press

Still no title for James as Heat fall short

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) — LeBron James said losing the NBA finals to the Dallas Mavericks on Sunday felt like a "personal failure," but he refused to let it bother him that so many people were happy to see him falter.

James' first finals with the Miami Heat ended Sunday with the Mavericks' 105-95 victory in Game 6. James started strong and wilted at the finish, just the way the Heat did in the series.

James' decision to leave the Cleveland Cavaliers at the end of last season and join Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh in Miami sparked outrage among many in his home state of Ohio.

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WNBA Roundup Silver Stars remain unbeaten

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Rookie Danielle Adams scored 32 points and the San Antonio Silver Stars remained the WNBA's only unbeaten team, beating the Atlanta Dream 86-74 on Saturday night.

Adams, led the Silver Stars back from a 10-point deficit in the third quarter, making three consecutive 3-pointers in a span of 44 seconds.

San Antonio (3-0) is off to the best start in franchise history.

Angel McCoughtry led the Dream (0-3) with 19 points. The defending Eastern Conference champions have blown second-half leads in every game so far this season.

Adams finished 11 of 19 from the floor and had seven rebounds. She was 5 of 11 from behind the 3-point line.

Sky 84, Mystics 77



Connecticut Sun's Asjha Jones, left, shoots over Tulsa Shock's Tiffany Jackson during the second half of Connecticut's 90-79 victory in their WNBA basketball game in Uncasville, Conn., on Sunday, June 12, 2011.

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At Washington, Sylvia Fowles scored 23 points and Cathrine Kraayeveld added 19 points with a career-high six 3-pointers as Chicago held on for a victory. Epiphanny Prince scored 20 points for the Sky (2-1), who shot 60 percent from the field. Chicago never trailed, led 51-33 at halftime and 66-57 after three quarters. □

Venus returns with 3-set win at Eastbourne



Venus Williams of the U.S. falls as she attempts to play a return to Andrea Petkovic of Germany at the Eastbourne international tennis grass court tournament in Eastbourne, England, Monday, June 13, 2011.

CAROLINE CHEESE

AP Sports Writer

EASTBOURNE, England (AP) — Venus Williams finally beat Andrea Petkovic on Monday. Five months after a hip injury forced her to retire against Petkovic after one game of their third-round match at the Australian Open, Williams beat the German 7-5, 5-7, 6-3 in her first match back at Eastbourne to complete a successful start to her Wimbledon preparations.

"It felt fitting, I guess," Williams said of playing Petkovic again. "It was a great way to start it all off."

The 30-year-old Williams was clearly rusty.

She began the match with two double-faults and she made a series of unforced errors, particularly off the forehand side.

But the five-time Wimbledon champion's grass-court experience, and greater aggression, saw her through. She wasted three

match points in the final game and saved a break-back point before finally taking it when Petkovic went wide with a forehand.

In other matches, third-seeded Victoria Azarenka beat Peng Shuai of China 6-4, 7-6 (2), while fifth-seed Petra Kvitova recovered from a slow start to defeat Anastasija Sevastova of Latvia 5-7, 6-1, 6-3.

Williams said the blustery wind and damp air on England's southeast coast

Associated Press

Andy Murray beats Tsonga in Queen's final

LONDON (AP) — Andy Murray claimed his first title of the season by beating fifth-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France 3-6, 7-6 (2), 6-4 Monday in the final at Queen's Club.

The match was played a day late because rain postponed play on Sunday.

Murray earned the only break in the third set, taking a 3-2 lead when Tsonga sent a forehand wide.

Murray, who also won the title in 2009, is the first Briton to win the Wimbledon warmup at least twice since Francis Gordon Lowe won in 1913-14 and '25.

Tsonga was the fifth Frenchman to reach the Queen's final in the Open era. Guy Forget lost to Pete Sampras in 1995, Sebastien Grosjean lost to Andy Roddick in 2003 and 2004 and Nicolas Mahut was beaten by Murray in 2009.

Both players were evenly matched and showed great athleticism, with Murray's speed matched by

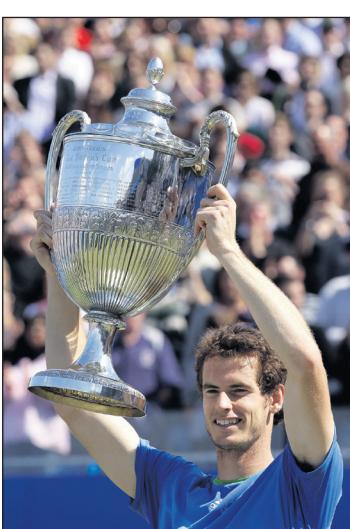
Tsonga's greater willingness to come to the net.

Tsonga held off a break point at 1-1 when a drop-shot clipped the net and fell in his favor. He then broke at love to lead 4-2 and fought off two more break points as he served out the set.

Both players held chances in the second set, as Tsonga survived four break points with Murray leading 4-3 and the second-seeded Murray held off two break points at 5-5, before the Scot swept the last five points of the tiebreaker.

It was Murray who earned the only break of the final set, taking a decisive 3-2 lead on his 10th break point of the match when Tsonga sent a forehand down the line and it fell wide.

"It was an unbelievable week for me," Murray said. "I started off not playing great but managed to find my way through, and the last two matches were so much fun." As for his next



Britain's Andy Murray lifts up the trophy after defeating France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga at the end of their singles final tennis match at the Queen's Club grass court championships in London, Monday, June 13, 2011. Murray won by 3-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4.

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big challenge, Murray said: "I really look forward to Wimbledon. It's been great preparation this week and I'll work hard the next five or six days to get ready." □

contributed to an erratic display. The 30-year-old slipped over on the baseline in the 11th game of the second set, almost doing the splits. "It was definitely an adventure today," she said. "Falling down every other point, coming back from such a long layoff, competing against someone who's been playing so well in the last 12 months. □

MLS Roundup Fire, Sporting end long winless streaks

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) —

Cristian Nazarit scored in stoppage time to lift Chicago to a 1-0 victory over the Columbus Crew on Sunday, ending the Fire's 11-game winless streak. Nazarit, who went on as a substitute in the 79th minute, swooped on a rebound after Crew goalkeeper William Hesmer blocked Orr Barouch's shot and slotted in the winner from close range.

The Fire, which had lost four and drawn seven of its previous 11 matches, appeared headed to a third straight scoreless draw under interim coach Frank Klopas until Nazarit scored his first MLS goal.

"We needed a win," Barouch said. "We've had a lot of (draws) and some games haven't been going our way."

Kansas City 4, Dallas 1

At Frisco, Texas, Graham Zusi scored two goals, including one from a stunning 50-yard free kick in the 55th minute, to help Kansas City end a 10-game winless streak.

It was Kansas City's first victory since a 3-2 win over Chivas USA on March 19, and ended FC Dallas' nine game unbeaten streak. Sporting, which had scored just two goals in their previous six matches, was leading 3-1 when Milos Stojcev was sent off in the 57th minute for picking up his second yellow card.

Despite the one-man disadvantage, Sporting added another goal when Luke Sassano connected in the 78th minute for his first career MLS goal. □

Bruins batter Luongo's Canucks 5-2, force Game 7

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — The Boston Bruins put Roberto Luongo and the Stanley Cup back on the shelf.

After another home scoring spree against Vancouver's wildly inconsistent goalie Monday night, the Bruins are making one last trip west for the big finish to these dramatic Stanley Cup finals.

Brad Marchand, Milan Lucic and Andrew Ference scored in the first 8:35 to chase Luongo from his second straight game in Boston, and the Bruins emphatically evened the finals with a 5-2 victory in Game 6, sending the series to a decisive Game 7 in Vancouver on Wednesday night.

For the sixth time in the last 10 seasons, the finals have been stretched to their limit. The home team hasn't lost in this series, with Vancouver winning three one-goal games and Boston posting three blowout victories.

"I'm proud of the guys," said Mark Recchi, who had three assists. "We had our backs to the wall, we've been resilient all year, and we came out and had a great first period and did what we had to do tonight, and it comes down to Game 7. It's one game now."

League MVP Henrik Sedin scored his first point of the finals with a late power-play goal for the Canucks,

who flopped in their first attempt to win their franchise's first championship. Maxim Lapierre also scored in the third period for the Canucks, who will get one last try at a Rogers Arena filled with worried Vancouverites hoping their maddening team can come through.

Tim Thomas made 36 saves for the Bruins, giving up two third-period goals while burnishing his credentials for the Conn Smythe Trophy as Boston moved one win away from its first championship since 1972.

"He's been in his zone through the whole playoffs," Boston coach Claude Julien said. "You can barely count on one hand the bad goals he's given up in the whole playoffs. We all know that teams that have won the Stanley Cup have had unbelievable goaltending. We feel like we've got that."

Thomas has given up just eight goals in six games in a virtuoso performance in the finals — but the spotlight in Game 6 was trained squarely on the other net. After Luongo led Vancouver to the brink of a title with a stellar performance in a 1-0 victory Friday, the Canucks hoped to celebrate in Boston. The Bruins canceled that Garden party with yet another stunning barrage of goals against Luongo, who was ventilat-



A goal by Boston Bruins left wing Brad Marchand gets past Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo (1) during the first period of Game 6 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals, Monday, June 13, 2011, in Boston.

Associated Press

ed for 15 goals in just over 4 1/2 periods in Boston.

Boston even set a finals record with four goals in 4:14 while chasing Luongo and welcoming his backup, Cory Schneider, with a quick goal from Michael Ryder.

Vancouver coach Alain Vigneault wasted no time confirming Luongo will start Game 7 in Vancouver, where he already has two shutouts in the series.

"I don't have to say anything to him," Vigneault said. "He's a professional. His preparation is beyond reproach, and he's going to be ready for Game 7. ... It happened. There's nothing we can do about it. We've already turned the

page on that, and we're going back home."

The Bruins are one win away from their Original Six franchise's first championship since 1972. Boston has lost its last five trips to the finals since, never even reaching a seventh game — but the Bruins can hang another banner in the Garden rafters with one road win. And the Bruins have ample experience in Game 7. They've already played two in these playoffs, beating Montreal in the first round and Tampa Bay in the Eastern Conference finals — but both of those games were at home, where Boston finished the postseason with 10 wins in its last 11 games.

If Vancouver can't regroup in the next 48 hours after another East Coast collapse, the Canucks will waste the best regular season in franchise history and the franchise's best chance at a championship. Vancouver lost Game 7 of the 1994 finals to Mark Messier's New York Rangers, and hadn't been back to the finals since.

Vancouver probably could tell Game 6 was trouble from the opening shift: Second-line forward Mason Raymond was taken to a hospital with an undisclosed injury after he ran into the boards backward and bent at the waist in a collision with Boston defenseman Johnny Boychuk. The Canucks gave no immediate details on his injury or condition.

Luongo immediately appeared shaky when Marchand whistled a shot over his left shoulder just 5 1/2 minutes in. Lucic scored 35 seconds later when his innocent shot trickled through Luongo, and Ference finished the goalie with a power-play score 2:29 after that.

After Henrik Sedin finally scored in the opening minute of the third period, playoffs scoring leader David Krejci scored during a two-man advantage for Boston, with the 43-year-old Recchi picking up his third assist. □

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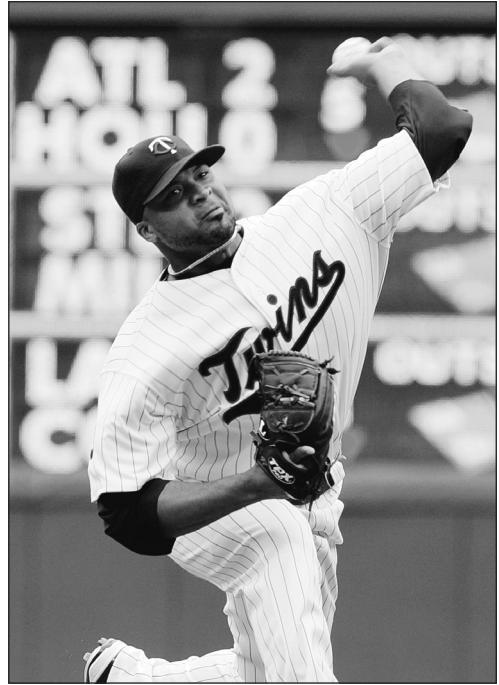
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AL Roundup

Liriano nearly perfect as Twins top Rangers



Minnesota Twins starting pitcher Francisco Liriano delivers against the Texas Rangers during the seventh inning of a baseball game on Sunday, June 12, 2011, in Minneapolis. Liriano pitched a one-hitter through eight innings as Minnesota won 6-1.

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Francisco Liriano narrowly missed out on his second no-hitter of the season as the Minnesota Twins beat the

Harrison (5-6) left after being struck on his arm by Danny Valencia's line drive leading off the seventh.

Texas Rangers 6-1 in the American League on Sunday. Liriano (4-6), who held the Chicago White Sox hitless in on May 3, was perfect through the seventh inning against the high-scoring Rangers before Adrian Beltre led off the eighth with a single. Liriano matched a season high by striking out nine batters in eight innings, allowing two hits without a walk.

The Twins scored five times in the seventh, an inning that included an injury to Texas starter Matt Harrison.

Harrison (5-6) left after being struck on his arm by Danny Valencia's line drive leading off the seventh.

Red Sox 14, Blue Jays 1

In Toronto, Jon Lester pitched two-hit ball over eight innings and David Ortiz and Kevin Youkilis each homered and drove in four runs as Boston won its ninth in a row. Adrian Gonzalez and Dustin Pedroia also homered for Boston, which never trailed while sweeping the three-game series against the Blue Jays. Gonzalez connected in the first off Kyle Drabek (4-5) for his 13th home run. Gonzalez leads the majors with 60 RBIs and has driven in at least one run in nine straight games. Lester (9-2) got his AL-leading ninth win of the season.

Yankees 9, Indians 1

In New York, Derek Jeter had a pair of RBI singles and Alex Rodriguez drove in three runs as New York beat slumping Cleveland.

Jeter singled during a five-run fifth inning and again during a three-run eighth, closing within seven hits of 3,000 for his career.

Curtis Granderson went 4

for 4 and drove in a pair of runs, and Brett Gardner had a pair of doubles, a triple and scored three times. New York had a season-high 18 hits in the game. Freddy Garcia (5-5) beat Cleveland for the first time in seven tries. Orlando Cabrera reached 2,000 career hits with a single for the Indians, who have lost nine of 10.

Mariners 7, Tigers 3

In Detroit, Miguel Olivo hit two home runs and Felix Hernandez pitched eight strong innings to lead Seattle over the Tigers.

The Mariners trailed 2-0 and hadn't hit the ball out of the infield when Olivo led off the fifth with a home run. Seattle went on to score three runs in the inning, and Olivo added a two-run shot in the eighth.

Hernandez (7-5) allowed three runs on nine hits, while striking out six. Rick Porcello (6-4) allowed three runs on six hits for Detroit.

Royals 9, Angels 0

In Anaheim, California, Vin Mazzaro pitched seven sol-

id innings and Kansas City turned five double plays to beat Los Angeles.

Alex Gordon, Billy Butler and Chris Getz each drove in two runs for the Royals, who won seven of their last 10 meetings with the Angels. Mazzaro (1-1) gave up five hits and walked five in his third start with Kansas City. He forced double-play grounders by Torii Hunter, Howie Kendrick, Mark Trumbo and Bobby Abreu, while Hank Conger lined into the other one.

The Angels were shut out for the ninth time this season and lost for the seventh time in eight games.

White Sox 5, Athletics 4

In Chicago, Adam Dunn hit a three-run homer to back seven strong innings by Phil Humber as Chicago topped Oakland.

Humber (6-3) pitched at least seven innings for the fifth straight start.

He struck out a career-high seven and gave up four hits. The White Sox took the lead with two runs in the seventh. □

JAMES

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Fans were particularly incensed that he opted to make his announcement it in a heavily criticized TV show called "The Decision." But while James said he was disappointed that he came up short in his quest for a title with Miami, he brushed aside the mocking responses from those who were keen to see him fail. Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert, who accused James of quitting in the playoffs the past two seasons, tweeted after the game: "Mavs NEVER stopped & now entire franchise gets rings. Old Lesson for all: There are NO SHORTCUTS. NONE." "At the end of the day, all the people that were rooting on me to fail, at the end of the day, they have to wake up tomorrow and have the same life that they had before they woke up today," James said.

"They have the same personal problems they had today. I'm going to continue to live the way I want to live and continue to do the things that I want to do with me and my family and be happy with that."

"They can get a few days or a few months or whatever the case may be on being happy about not only myself, but the Miami Heat not accomplishing their goal. But they have to get back to the real world at some point." James simply couldn't overcome James' poor fourth quarters in most of the series. He had only 11 points in the final periods of the first five games, a major reason the Mavericks were able to rally in games they trailed much of the way.

James had seven points in the final quarter of Sunday's game to finish with 21, but he had gone too long without impacting the game after scoring nine of Miami's first 14 points.

"Sometimes you got it,



Miami Heat's LeBron James reacts during the first half of Game 6 of the NBA Finals basketball game against the Dallas Mavericks Sunday, June 12, 2011, in Miami.

Associated Press

sometimes you don't, and that was this case in this series," said James, calling Dallas an underrated defensive team that kept him out of the paint.

"Any time you feel like you

get to the top of the mountain and you fall off, there's definitely a personal failure," he added.

He claimed confusion over how to be most effective when Wade was playing

well. He said he wasn't tired from playing too many minutes and that nothing was wrong with his shot.

But something clearly was amiss, because the two-time league Most Valuable Player, largely considered the most talented player in the NBA, was at best the third-best player in this series behind Dirk Nowitzki and Wade.

The Mavericks showed no fear of James. Jason Terry wondered aloud if James could guard him for seven games after James shut Terry out in the fourth quarters of Games 1 and 3.

Terry finally broke free in the fourth quarter of the pivotal Game 5 and led the Mavs with 27 points in the clincher. The Mavericks' DeShawn Stevenson also said it appeared James "checked out" down the stretch in Game 4.

James had become perhaps the league's most-scrutinized player since he left the Cavs last July. □

NL Roundup

Hanson strikes out 14 as Braves top Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Tommy Hanson struck out a career-high 14 in seven innings while Brian McCann and Dan Uggla hit two-run homers as the Atlanta Braves beat the Houston Astros 4-1 in the National League on Sunday for their sixth straight win.

Hanson (8-4) gave up one run and three hits. He struck out five in a row early in the game and fanned the last three batters he faced. The Astros lost for the eighth time in nine games and struck out 17 times overall. Uggla hit his eighth homer, a shot to left field off Brett Myers (2-6) that put Atlanta up 2-0 in the first inning.

Diamondbacks 5, Marlins 1
In Miami, Daniel Hudson allowed one run in six-plus innings and Stephen Drew had three hits and two RBIs as Arizona handed Florida its 10th loss in 11 games. Florida had at least one hit in every inning but left 13 runners on base.

Hudson (7-5) won for the seventh time in eight games since starting the season 0-4. He gave up eight hits with three walks and seven strikeouts.

Florida's Brad Hand (0-2) struggled in his second MLB start after holding Atlanta to one hit in six innings in his debut Tuesday. Hand pitched five innings and gave up four runs, three of them earned, on five hits and five walks.

Dodgers 10, Rockies 8

At Denver, James Loney hit his second career grand slam and rookie Rubby De La Rosa pitched five effective innings before leaving with a forearm cramp to help Los Angeles hold off Colorado.

Matt Kemp hit his NL-leading 20th homer and Rod

Barajas added another for the Dodgers.

De La Rosa (3-0) picked up the win for Los Angeles, while his Colorado counterpart, Ubaldo Jimenez (1-7), surrendered a career-high three homers.

Carlos Gonzalez and Troy Tulowitzki each hit two-run homers for Colorado in the seventh, but the Rockies couldn't pull out the win.

Mets 7, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Chris Capuano pitched seven strong innings and Jose Reyes homered as New York shut out the Pirates.

Capuano (5-6) allowed three hits and two walks with five strikeouts to win consecutive starts for the first time since April 2007. Reyes had three hits for his MLB-leading 33rd multihit game, homering two pitches after pinch-hitter

Scott Hairston also did in the ninth. Jason Isringhausen and Bobby Parnell each pitched an inning to finish off the shutout, the Mets' fourth this season.

Kevin Correia (8-5) unraveled late after being perfect through 4 2-3.
Brewers 4, Cardinals 3
In Milwaukee, Prince Fielder hit the go-ahead homer in the sixth as the Brewers knocked St. Louis out of first place in the NL Central division.

Jake Westbrook (6-4) had pitched a shutout into the sixth before Fielder got his 19th home run of the season. Fielder, who went 2 for 3 with a walk and two RBIs, has an NL-leading 58 RBIs for the year.

Shaun Marcum (7-2) won for the first time since May 21, a span of three starts that included a loss and

consecutive no decisions. He allowed three runs on five hits with eight strikeouts and a walk over seven innings.

Phillies 4, Cubs 3

In Philadelphia, Ryan Howard drove in three runs to lead the Phillies to its fifth win in seven games.

Howard's two-run single in the seventh put the Phillies ahead for the first time. Chase Utley also had two hits with a double and two RBIs for the Phillies, who took three of four from the Cubs in their series.

Aramis Ramirez homered for Chicago, which has lost 11 of 13.

Roy Oswalt (4-4) ended a four-game losing streak, which matched the worst of his career. He allowed three runs on five hits while striking out five and walking two.

Cubs reliever Sean Marshall (3-1) was the loser.

Nationals 2, Padres 0

In San Diego, Danny Espinosa hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth to score the go-ahead run for Washington. Espinosa's fly ball to right field, caught by Chris Denorfia, scored pinch-runner Brian Bixler. Laynce Nix followed with an RBI single to right to seal the victory for the Nationals.

The Nationals took three of four to get the team's first series win in San Diego since 2001.

Todd Coffey (2-0) pitched



Atlanta Braves' Dan Uggla, right, is greeted by teammate Jordan Schafer (1) after hitting a two-run home run during the first inning of an MLB baseball game against the Houston Astros, Sunday, June 12, 2011, in Houston.

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one inning for the win and Drew Storen worked the ninth for his 15th save.

Giants 4, Reds 2

At San Francisco, Aubrey Huff had three hits and two RBIs as the Giants rallied to beat Cincinnati.

Nate Schierholtz delivered the go-ahead sacrifice fly off reliever Jose Arredondo (0-2) during a two-run seventh inning that helped the Giants earn a split of the four-game series.

Jonathan Sanchez walked five and struck out five in six

innings. He forced three inning-ending double plays.

Ramon Ramirez (2-0) earned the win and Brian Wilson pitched a scoreless ninth for his 18th save.

In other NL games it was
Arizona 5, Florida 1; Philadelphia 4, Chicago Cubs 3; N.Y. Mets 7, Pittsburgh 0; Atlanta 4, Houston 1; Milwaukee 4, St. Louis 3; L.A. Dodgers 10, Colorado 8; Washington 2, San Diego 0; and San Francisco 4, Cincinnati 2. □

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Louisville confronts obesity, offers life lesson for others

STEPHANIE STROM

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — This city's Broadway displays its own array of neon signs — two dozen fast-food restaurants, as diverse as McDonald's and the local Indi's — beckoning along a 2.8-mile corridor bookended by low-income neighborhoods on the front lines of a multi-million-dollar battle against obesity.

The street symbolizes one of many hurdles facing officials here working to put a severely overweight population on a diet. After all, Kentucky is where Colonel Harland Sanders first made his famous fried chicken

the population reporting any physical activity outside of work fell despite public campaigns advocating more walking and biking.

More recent developments underscore the tug of war over food and weight. On one hand, KFC has announced plans for its first nonfried menu, alongside leaflets listing the calorie, fat and salt content of its entire line (as required by the new federal health act).

Behind the scenes, its corporate parent, Yum Brands, was quietly lobbying the state government to turn Kentucky into one of the few states that allow the

the sewer department.

The city's efforts to combat obesity, how and where it is spending money to fight it are instructive at a time when federal dollars are becoming more scarce and budgets are pinched. Cities are increasingly vying for nonprofit and government financing as concerns about the obesity epidemic have been underscored by Michelle Obama and others.

To obesity warriors, trying to assess how best to spend the money and demonstrate progress may not be clear for 10 years or more, prompting calls for patience. "The changes to



Fast food restaurant signs are seen in Louisville, Ky. In a city full of fast food chains and southern style eateries the citizens and the government are working to combat obesity through several community programs.

(Scott McIntyre/The New York Times)

and a hotel invented the Hot Brown, a turkey and bacon sandwich drowning in Mornay sauce.

In many ways, Louisville's experience in fighting obesity is little different from that of a dieter stepping on and off a scale. Successes on one front are countered by setbacks on another, and signs that the needle has moved overall are slight and mostly anecdotal.

More than six in 10 people in metro Louisville are still considered seriously overweight, in a state that ranks seventh in the nation for obesity. The rates continued to rise through 2008, while the percentage of

use of food stamps in its restaurants, which include Pizza Hut and Taco Bell, according to documents unearthed by The Courier-Journal newspaper in Louisville.

"It turns my stomach, the push for using food stamps for fast-food purchase," said Dr. Adewale Troutman, director of the public health practice at the University of South Florida. "It makes the unhealthy option the easier one." As director of the Louisville health department until last fall, Troutman presided over a campaign that has come to involve nearly every city agency, from the mayor's office to

our physical and social environments that have contributed to the epidemic were gradual and have had decades to gain momentum," said Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, chief executive of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. "We have to expect that this won't be a quick fix." The foundation began its fight against obesity here in 2003 with a grant that, among other things, helped establish the city's first bicycle lane and ensured that the redevelopment of a low-income housing project included small "pocket" parks, improved traffic patterns and wider and safer sidewalks. □

Taking off the shackles of Parkinson's disease

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Dr. Karen Jaffe, an obstetrician-gynecologist in Cleveland, was only 48 when she learned she had Parkinson's disease. Four years later, she continues to maintain a full-time medical and surgical practice, even performing ritual circumcisions.

"I'm doing everything I can to stay healthy," she told me in an interview. "My medications and exercises control my tremor, so doing surgery is not a problem."

For patients with Parkinson's disease, like Jaffe, there still is no cure. But researchers have begun to make progress in identifying causes of the disease, and a new study promises to help identify better treatments.

Until then, many patients are getting by on grit and determination. In speaking recently with several of them, two common threads emerged: an initial unwillingness to believe or reveal the diagnosis, followed by acceptance and a determination to pursue whatever it takes to remain as healthy and functional as possible.

In addition to taking medication designed to replace the brain chemical, dopamine, that is diminished in this neurological disease, each person I spoke with is dedicated to regular, often vigorous physical activity that can minimize the disabilities caused by Parkinson's. One, David Wolf, 51, of Buffalo, has even taken up fencing, saying (in jest, I hope), "There's nothing like running someone through with a sword to make your day." Another, Rena Bulkin, 68, of Manhattan, goes to a gym several times a week to do aerobics, stretching and range-of-motion and balance exercises. "If I don't work out, my symptoms are much worse," she said. Jaffe dances the tango and whacks a heavy punching bag to reduce her symptoms and enhance function. "The punching bag helps my arms and relieves my frustrations," she said. "It feels so good to hit the thing." She also rides an exercise bike at low resistance and high speed — 80 to 90 revolu-

tions a minute — an activity that was shown in studies at the Cleveland Clinic to significantly reduce arm tremor. The Parkinson's patients also emphasized the importance of having a physician who is both expert in the disease and willing to work with patients to find treatments that produce the most benefits with



Though there still is no cure, and researchers have begun to make progress in identifying the causes of the disease, patients with Parkinson's are pursuing whatever it takes to remain as healthy and functional as possible.

(Yvetta Fedorova/The New York Times)

the fewest side effects. There is a lesson worth learning by the growing numbers of people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. The sooner one comes to terms with the diagnosis and starts treatment, the less rapidly the disease is likely to worsen. Parkinson's disease is a slowly progressive neurodegenerative condition involving a significant loss of dopamine, a neurotransmitter produced in a section of the brain called the substantia nigra that helps to control movement and emotional responses. While manifestations of the disease can vary widely from person to person, the most common physical symptoms include tremor, or shakiness or trembling in the hands, arms, legs, jaw and face; rigidity of the muscles; slowness of movement or difficulty starting to move; and problems with balance and coordination. □

Report finds Chinese consumers choosier, web-savvy

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SHANGHAI (AP) — Chinese consumers are becoming increasingly sophisticated in their tastes and expect a wider range of better products, according to a report released Monday that says local companies lead foreign ones in using e-commerce to expand sales.

The report by the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai and the consultancy Booz & Co. says China will likely become the second-largest consumer market in the world by 2015, just trailing the United States.

As their incomes grow, Chinese will have enough purchasing power to buy 14 percent of the world's goods by 2015, up from 5 percent now, said the report, which surveyed 135 major consumer goods companies, 70 percent of them multinationals.

Wider access to information, travel and the Internet is raising awareness about different lifestyles and driving demand for a greater

range of choices than in the past, the report said.

"As wealth continues to grow, people will begin to focus more on enjoying the fruits of their labor, increased attention to leisure activity, domestic travel, interest in arts and science and self-betterment," it said.

Such trends reflect the transformation of China into a dynamic consumer economy from a centrally planned one that several decades ago was dominated by rationing and shortages. In recent years, frequent food and drug safety scandals have highlighted the poor and sometimes unsafe quality of many of the products available to most Chinese consumers.

Investing in brand building and quality control are crucial and will pay off, Ken Newell, president of PepsiCo (China), said in a panel discussion of the report.

"Increasingly we're seeing consumers willing to pay a premium for a guarantee of quality," Newell said, noting



Chinese staff members look at the Taobao online shopping website at a five-storey showroom launched by China's e-commerce giant Taobao in Beijing, China, Monday, June 13, 2011.

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that the growing size of the Chinese middle class will eventually drive up sales volume.

As the single-child families mandated by China's population policies mature, their shopping habits and tastes will also change,

it said.

"These changes could affect purchasing behaviors in many ways including product innovation, packaging sizes, packaging, design, access and delivery," it said. At the same time, as elsewhere in the world, access to the Internet, mobile communications and gaming allows shoppers to research their choices and buy online.

"Over the next three to five years, the growth in e-commerce in China will significantly change the way in which consumers access information, interact and shop," the report says.

This means a market dominated by "consumers who

are less loyal to specific brands and less willing to pay more for the same quality," it said.

Almost all Chinese companies surveyed said they were already heavily using e-commerce or planned to begin doing so soon, while multinational companies were less likely to have such plans, the report said.

Chinese companies also have less trouble hiring the staff they need than foreign companies and are have strategies focused on high-volumes and low prices that are more attuned to the tastes of the hundreds of millions of new consumers they are targeting, it concluded. □

Comcast to sell Skype box for video calls

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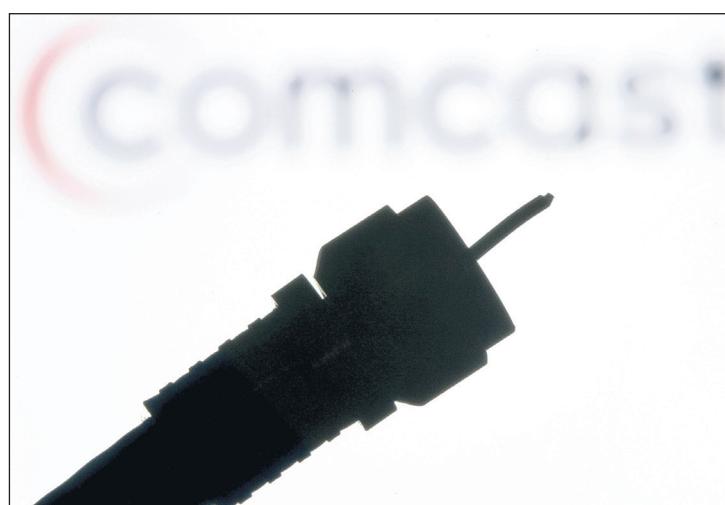
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Comcast subscribers: In the future, believing that the TV is talking to you might not be a sign of insanity. You may be getting a Skype video call.

Comcast Corp., the country's largest cable company, is set to announce Tuesday that it plans to bring Skype calls to TV sets later this year.

Subscribers will then be able to rent a kit from Comcast that includes a webcam and an adapter that plugs into the TV. A new cable box remote will include a keyboard on the back, for typing chat messages. Philadelphia-based Comcast hasn't yet figured out what to charge for the kit, according to Catherine Avgiris, general manager of communications and data services.

Financial terms of the partnership between Comcast and Skype were not disclosed. Comcast wouldn't say whether Skype would get some of what Comcast charges for the kit.



In this July 30, 2008 file photo illustration, a silhouetted coaxial cable with the Comcast Corp. logo in the background is seen in Philadelphia.

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Subscribers will get notifications of incoming calls on their TVs and will be able to answer calls with full-screen video or in a window while watching TV.

Comcast plans to start trials of the system in the next few months. It has 17.4 million Internet subscribers.

Many high-end TVs already come with the ability to conduct Skype calls. Buyers usually have to add a Webcam for \$150, but neither the TV maker nor Skype charge a monthly fee. □

"We've seen an explosion, already, in the use of Skype in the living room," said Neil Stevens, general manager of consumer services at Skype.

Cisco Systems Inc. launched a home videoconferencing device and service last year, but quickly had to cut the \$599 price and \$24.95 monthly fee, apparently because of weak demand. It later scaled back its marketing plans too, as part of a companywide shift away from consumer devices. □

U.S. video game sales dip to Oct 2006 levels

LOS ANGELES (AP) — U.S. sales of consoles and video games fell 14 percent in May to \$743 million, the lowest monthly figure since October 2006.

NPD Group, which compiles the data, said Monday that the decline is mostly due to a light schedule of new releases. There were just 42 new games released in May compared to 58 in the same month a year ago.

"As a result of a lighter release slate, promotional activity at retail and in circulars was reduced as well, which undoubtedly affected not only planned but impulse purchases," said NPD analyst Anita Frazier, in a statement. Some of the loss in hardware, software and accessories could also be due to gamers spending more on online content, she said.

Hardware sales fell 5 percent to \$229 million, software sales fell 19 percent to \$376 million and accessories sales fell 6 percent to \$114 million.

The top-selling game was "L.A. Noire," an interactive crime story game made by Rockstar Games for the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3. □

Wendy's agrees to sell Arby's to equity firm

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NEW YORK (AP) — The marriage of square burgers and roast beef sandwiches is about to end.

Wendy's/Arby's Group said Monday that it will sell a majority stake in its struggling Arby's brand to Roark Capital Group, the Atlanta private equity firm. The move marks the end of a short-lived union between the two fast-food chains, and represents a role reversal. Arby's started as the suitor in the relationship, and ended up on the chopping block.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Wendy's/Arby's Group CEO Roland Smith said that the 2008 combination of the two fast-food chains had "absolutely not" been a failure.

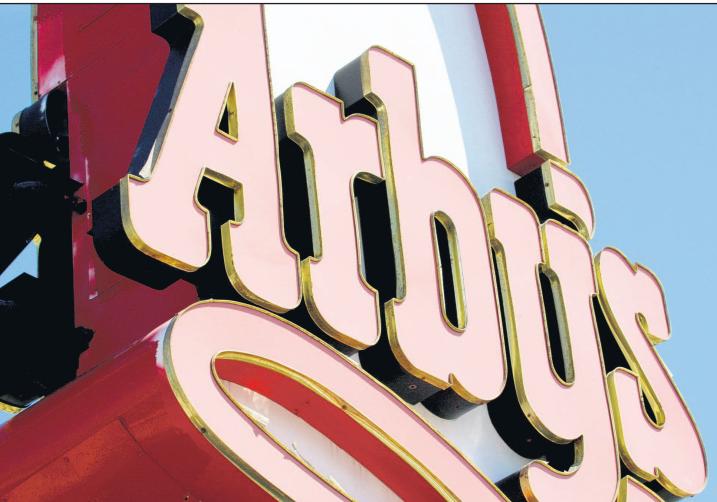
"I think that at the time we

put the two brands together it was the exact right thing to do," Smith said, "but any business that continues to do well and perform has to be nimble and adapt to what the market is."

Wendy's/Arby's shares rose 14 cents, or 3 percent, to \$4.66 in late-morning trading, as investors signaled their pleasure with having more clarity about the company's future. But the shares remain well below \$5.90, their price on the day the combination was announced in September 2008.

Roark, which already owns Moe's Southwest Grill, Cinabon and other restaurants, will pay \$130 million in cash for an 81.5 percent stake in Arby's. It also will assume \$190 million worth of Arby's debt.

Smith said Wendy's/Arby's,



In this Monday, March 1, 2010 file photo, an Arby's restaurant sign is shown in Cutler Bay, Fla. Wendy's/Arby's Group Inc. said Monday, June 13, 2011, it has agreed to sell a majority stake in its struggling Arby's brand to a private equity group.

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based in Atlanta, entertained offers from "quite a number" of bidders, but he declined to give details. He said the company's decision to keep an 18.5 percent stake in Arby's should signal its confidence in Arby's future.

Smith served as CEO of Arby's Inc. from 1997 to 1999 and again starting in 2007. He has been CEO of the combined Wendy's and Arby's since it was formed, and he said Monday that selling Arby's was "a little bittersweet" but best for both brands.

Smith should receive a cash

bonus of \$350,000 when the sale goes through, and general counsel Nils Oke-son should receive a bonus of \$100,000, according to regulatory filings. The company said the bonuses are "in recognition of their efforts in successfully completing the sale."

Smith said in the interview that he didn't think employees would be bothered by the bonuses.

"I would say that the folks in our company understand clearly how compensation works, and it is a very typical (bonus) that would come up any time we go

through a change in our organization," he said. "I quite honestly don't think anyone's going to focus on it."

Wendy's/Arby's will change its name after the sale is completed. Spokesman Bob Bertini said the company is considering options and the new name will include the word "Wendy's."

Wendy's/Arby's Group will get a tax benefit worth \$80 million related to the sale.

The company tallied the value of the deal at \$430 million, including the cash payment, the assumed debt, the tax benefit and the 18.5 percent stake, worth around \$30 million.

Wendy's and Arby's came together when billionaire investor Nelson Peltz and his investment firm, which already owned Arby's, agreed to scoop up Wendy's. A well-known and prolific investor, Peltz has made both friends and enemies by buying and reviving struggling companies such as Snapple. Peltz's firm, Trian Fund Management, is Wendy's/Arby's largest shareholder with a stake of about 17 percent, according to estimates by FactSet. □

Carnival sees more impact of fuel

MIAMI (AP) — Cruise operator Carnival says it expects the impacts of Middle East and North Africa conflict and the earthquake and nuclear disaster in Japan to cost the company an extra 15 cents per share in the second half of this year. The Miami company said Monday that higher fuel prices will cost an additional 5 cents per share in the same period. In March, Carnival Corp. said it expected earnings of 20 cents to 24 cents per share for the second quarter which ended last month. It forecast full-year earnings of \$2.55 to \$2.65 per share. Analysts polled by FactSet currently expect second-quarter earnings of 23 cents per share and full-year earnings of \$2.62 per share. The company will release second-quarter results and an updated full-year guidance on June 21. □

GM to invest \$20M in Kansas City plant

KANSAS CITY, Kansas (AP) — General Motors Co. is adding \$20 million in new technology to a car assembly plant in Kansas City, Kansas. The company says the Fairfax Assembly plant is getting new machinery and special tools to make the Buick LaCrosse with eAssist, a new gas-electric hybrid technology that will boost the car's fuel economy. The LaCrosse sedan with eAssist, which GM says can get up to 37 mpg (15.7 kpl) on the highway, goes on sale later this summer. The eAssist technology includes shutting off the gasoline engine when the car stops at a traffic light, as well as a small electric motor that helps the car accelerate, reducing gasoline use. The Fairfax plant employs around 3,900 workers. It also makes the Chevrolet Malibu midsize sedan. No new jobs will be created at the plant. The investment is part of a larger GM expansion to create or keep about 4,000 jobs by investing \$2 billion in 17 factories in the U.S. GM has already announced investments or more jobs at facilities in Defiance and Toledo, Ohio; Detroit; Bowling Green, Kentucky; Arlington, Texas; and Flint, Lansing, Warren and Bay City, Michigan. □

Aetna buys Genworth Financial business

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AP Business Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Aetna Inc. said Monday it will buy the Medicare supplement business of Genworth Financial Inc. for about \$290 million, as it becomes the latest health insurer to announce a plan that capitalizes on the aging baby boomer population. Aetna has about 10,000 Medicare supplement customers and will add roughly 145,000 members with its acquisition of Continental Life Insurance Co. of Brentwood, Tennessee. Medicare supplement insurance covers deductibles, co-payments and other expenses not covered by Medicare, the federal health insurance program for the elderly and disabled. Aetna CEO Mark Bertolini said in a statement from the insurer Medicare

supplement coverage is expected to grow fast in the coming years as baby boomers — the generation of Americans born in the years after World War II ended — reach age 65 and become eligible for Medicare. Aetna is the third-largest health insurer based on enrollment, trailing WellPoint Inc. and UnitedHealth Group Inc. Last week, Indianapolis-based WellPoint said it will buy California Medicare Advantage plan provider CareMore in a deal reportedly valued at around \$800 million. CareMore also runs 26 clinics staffed with doctors, physical therapists and case managers, among other health care professionals. Medicare Advantage plans are privately run versions of Medicare, and WellPoint also cited baby boomers as a factor be-

hind the deal. It said more than 1 million baby boomers will become eligible for Medicare every year until 2030 across the 14 states in which WellPoint operates Blue Cross Blue Shield plans. Baby boomers are seen as a ripe business opportunity for insurers, according to Wedbush analyst Sarah James. She said the Medicare growth rate is expected to double through 2025. Insurer-offered products like Medicare Advantage or supplemental coverage can be popular because they give retirees benefits that can be similar to what they had through their working career. "The market itself is growing, but I think also it's important to note the slice of the pie held by insurance companies also is growing," she said. □

VF buying Timberland for more than \$2.2B

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NEW YORK (AP) — Clothing and footwear maker VF Corp., whose brands include Wrangler, Nautica and The North Face, said Monday it will buy boot and clothing maker Timberland Co. for more than \$2.2 billion as it seeks to expand its outdoor offerings.

VF plans to make Timberland part of its outdoor and actions sports business, and it said Timberland's headquarters will remain in Stratham, New Hampshire. With the addition of Timberland, VF's outdoor and action sports business, which also includes Vans, Jansport, Eastpak and other brands, will make up 50 percent of the company's total revenue. They expect that to grow to 60 percent by 2015.

VF is offering \$43 for each Timberland share, a premium of 43.4 percent to Timberland's closing price last week.

Timberland shares climbed \$12.79, or 42.7 percent, to \$42.78 in midday trading. Timberland stock has traded between \$15.07 and \$45.72 in the last year. VF shares rose \$10.08, or 11 percent, to \$101.88.

Greensboro, North Carolina-based VF said the boards of both companies have approved the deal.

It expects the sale to close during the third quarter.

VF has focused on expanding through acquisitions and made up a list of 50 companies that could help the outdoor segment grow about a year ago. Said VF CEO Eric Wiseman in a call with analysts. The list was

shortened and refined over time, he said.

"At the very top of that list was Timberland," Wiseman said.

Timberland is expected to have about \$1.6 billion in sales in 2011, and VF said it is targeting annual revenue growth of 10 percent for the company.

VF said the deal will add 25 cents per share to its profit and \$700 million to its revenue in 2011. It said the deal will add 75 cents to its profit in 2012. Those estimates include transaction expenses of about 20 cents per share this year and 15 cents per share in 2012.

Timberland, which also owns the Smart-Wool brand, made its name in the 1970s with its waterproof heavy duty boot and later, boat shoes. The company suffered from a sales drop during the recession. Results have improved in recent quarters, but in May the company missed first-quarter expectations, causing its shares to plummet. The company's stock closed down 28 percent on Friday from its price prior to the earnings report in May.

VF executives said they plan to expand Timberland's apparel offerings and spur growth overseas in countries such as China.

The acquisition gives VF ways to cut costs, an opportunity to better position the Timberland brand, and hidden growth drivers with Timberland's other brands, Earthkeepers and Smart Wool, said Wall Street Strategies analyst Brian Sozzi.

"This is a fantastic deal strategically and valuation wise for VF Corp.," Sozzi said. □



In this Aug. 11, 2010 file photo, shoes are seen at the research and development room of Timberland Company in in Stratham, N.H.

Associated Press

Oil settles at lowest level in four weeks

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NEW YORK (AP) — Oil tumbled Monday to the lowest level in nearly a month after a drop in Greece's credit rating added to concerns about a slowdown in the European economy. Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude dropped \$1.99, or 2 percent, to settle at \$97.30 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil is now at its lowest level since May 17. Investment banks like Goldman Sachs have said oil should rise over the next 18 months. But crude has hovered around \$100 per barrel since early May

following weak gasoline demand, consumer confidence and jobs data in the U.S. Reports that Saudi Arabia would boost oil production to 10 million barrels per day pushed prices lower late last week. "You have some guys out there that are pretty fearful of a real drop in oil prices now," analyst Stephen Schork said. Oil slipped even further after Standard & Poor's cut Greece's credit rating, saying that risks associated with the country's financial bailout are rising, "given the increasingly complicated political environment in Greece coupled with its current difficult economic climate." The downgrade of Greek debt led to a sell-off in oil as investors bet that Greece's financial troubles could weigh down the entire continent, oil analyst Andrew Lipow said. Europe, which consumes about 18 percent of the world's oil, could see energy demand fall if its economy struggles.

"A default could drag down the rest of the European economies and consequently affect world growth," Lipow said. In London, Brent crude, which is used to price many international oil varieties, rose 32 cents to settle at \$119.10 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange. Brent supplies are expected to tighten because of production problems in the North Sea, Lipow said. Meanwhile, Shell declared force majeure on crude contracts from the Trans-Niger Pipeline in West Africa, after rebels apparently cut into it and caused leaks and fires. □

Google strikes deal to add Admeld to arsenal

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AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google Inc. has struck a deal to buy Admeld, a service that helps websites make more money from online advertising.

The agreement announced Monday positions Google to add another potentially valuable weapon to its advertising arsenal. Google already sells the most advertising on the Internet. The company's total ad revenue is expected to surpass \$30 billion this year — greater than the entire newspaper industry.

For that reason, the proposed acquisition of Admeld may face more regulatory scrutiny than most deals of its size do.

Financial terms of the Admeld agreement weren't disclosed, an indication that Google isn't paying a high enough price for the proposed acquisition to be considered a major financial event.

Founded three years ago, privately held Admeld employs about 100 workers at its New York headquarters and other offices in San Francisco, London, Berlin and Toronto.

Admeld's service is focused on marketing campaigns that promote brands and typically feature imagery. The format is known as display advertising, an area where Google Inc. has been gaining market share since its \$3.2 billion acquisition of DoubleClick Inc. in 2008.

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission spent a year examining the DoubleClick deal, still the largest acquisition in Google's 13-year history.



In this July 17, 2006 file photo, Google workers walk by a Google sign at company headquarters in Mountain View, Calif.

Associated Press

Google has been building its display advertising business to supplement its dominance of Internet search and the text-based ads that run alongside search results as well as other Web content.

The diversification has been working out so well that the research firm IDC said Google surpassed the Internet's long-time display advertising leader, Yahoo Inc., during the first three months of this year. IDC estimated Google held 14.7 percent of the U.S. online display ad market in the first quarter, followed by Yahoo at 12.3 percent and Facebook at 8.8 percent.

"Together with Admeld, we hope to make display advertising simpler, more efficient and more valuable," Neal Mohan, Google's vice president of display advertising, wrote in a Monday post on Google's blog. □

Steve Jobs gets comic book bio treatment

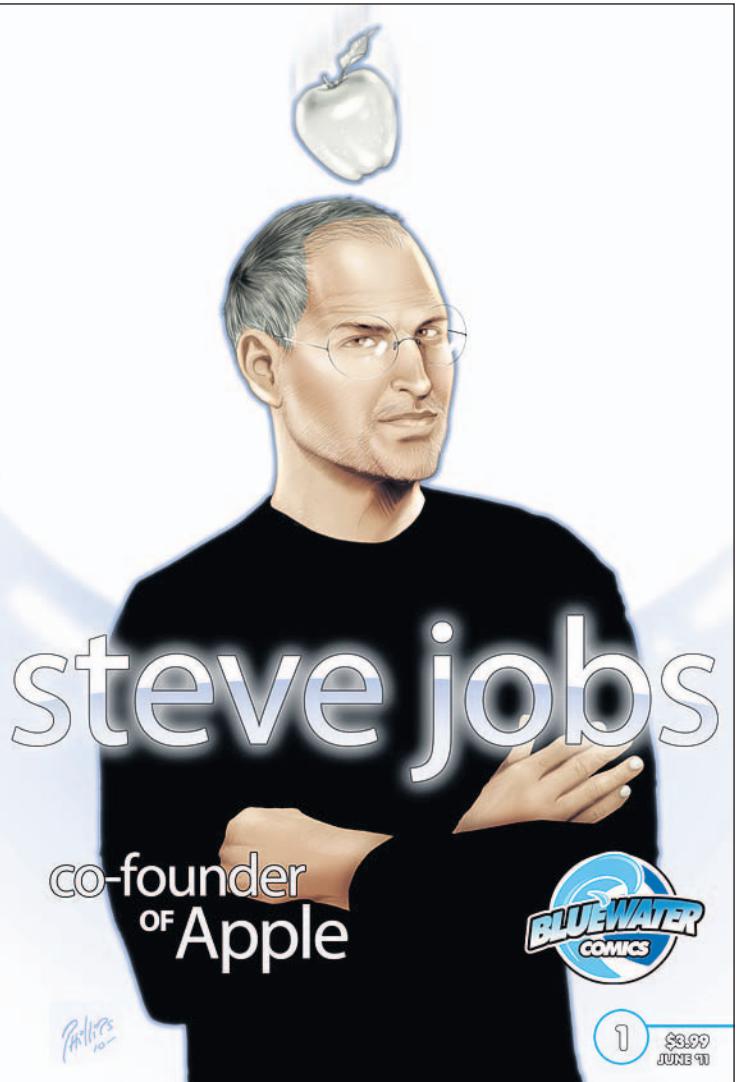
MATT MOORE
AP Business Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Steve Jobs, the public face of Apple Inc., is getting a biographical comic book.

Publisher Bluewater Productions Inc. said Monday it will bring a 32-page biography — titled “Steve Jobs: Co-Founder of Apple” — of the iconic CEO to comic book shops, bookstores and online retailers Aug. 24, detailing his life and career.

“His innovations command front page news, speculation of his health affects the stock market. Not bad for a college dropout,” Bluewater President Darren Davis said.

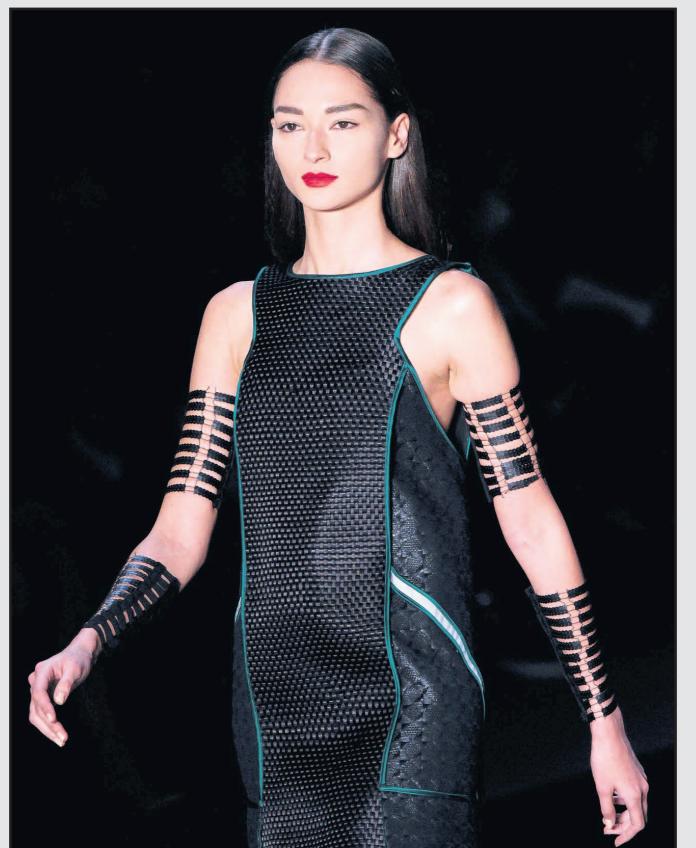
The book, written by C.W. Cooke and drawn by Chris Schmidt, profiles the technological innovator who helped co-create Apple and then oversaw its resurgence with products including the iPod, the iPhone and the iPad. “Admire him or hate him, Jobs’ vision and business acumen revolutionized the world,” Cooke said. Between Jobs and Microsoft founder Bill Gates, “you would be hard



In this comic book cover released by Bluewater Productions Inc., Apple co-founder Steve Jobs is shown on the cover of the Bluewater Comics biography issue. The one-shot issue, expected in August, was created, in part, because of the sales of its last high-tech profile subject, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg.

(AP Photo/Bluewater Productions Inc.)

Brazil Fashion



A model wears a creation by Tufi Duek at the Sao Paulo Fashion Week Summer 2012 collection in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Monday June 13, 2011.

(AP Photo/Andre Penner)

pressed to find someone with greater influence over how we communicate, interact and do business over the last 30 years.”

The comic is part of the Vancouver, Washington-based publisher’s wider series of looks at contemporary figures ranging from Lady Gaga to Sarah Palin to Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg.

“There are definitely some similarities between Zuckerberg and Jobs. It takes a certain kind of drive and a certain kind of genius to move society the way they have,” Cooke said. “The idea behind both efforts is to show the person behind the personality and that it is never what you’d expect.”

Bluewater said the success of its Zuckerberg comic — it sold out — led the company to look at Jobs as a subject.

“His story, and that of Apple, is epic,” Davis said. □

Suit against Kardashians over card struck down

ANTHONY McCARTNEY, AP Entertainment Writer

A judge has thrown out a \$75 million lawsuit filed against the Kardashian sisters after they yanked their endorsement of a prepaid debit card that was criticized for its high fees, saying the reality show stars had no duty to promote a product that might be considered unlawful.

The ruling issued June 7 by Fresno Superior Court Judge Jeff Hamilton states attorneys for Revenue Resource Group LLC hadn’t sufficiently shown they could win their breach of

contract case. The ruling also states the sisters could not sue for voicing concerns about the debit card because the claims would violate their First Amendment rights.

The Fresno-based company sued sisters Kim, Khloe and Kourtney in January, blaming them for heavy losses after the “Keeping Up With the Kardashians” stars publicly severed ties with the company. A phone message for the company’s attorney Nathan Miller was not immediately returned.

The sisters withdrew their support for the debit card three weeks after the product launched following a warning from Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal that the card’s fees were “predatory.”

According to Hamilton’s ruling, Revenue Resource Group argued that they lost other celebrity endorsements because the Kardashians pulled out of their deal. □



Kim Kardashian poses for photographers at a central London venue, June 2011. (AP Photo/Jonathan Short)

Producer fights extradition with his daughter’s words

ANTHONY McCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A reality show producer fighting extradition to stand trial on a charge he killed his wife in Mexico has introduced statements by his young daughter to contradict police witnesses and the theory his wife was killed in their hotel room. Attorneys for Bruce Beresford-Redman claimed Monday in a court filing that Mexican authorities “rushed to judgment” to build a case against the former “Survivor” producer and that the aggravated homicide case against him is built on speculation and assumptions.

They are asking a federal judge to reject returning Beresford-Redman to Mexico to stand trial.

The 24-page filing includes statements by a therapist

who has interviewed the couple’s 6-year-old daughter and says the child didn’t see their father hit her mother on an April 2010 vacation.

Beresford-Redman’s wife, Monica, was found dead in a sewer at a swank resort days after other guests said they heard loud fighting coming from the room the couple shared with their young children.

The therapist reported that the young girl told her that her parents were playing a loud game the morning that Monica Beresford-Redman disappeared and that accounted for the noise coming from the room, the filing states. “‘Mommy and Daddy did not yell at each other and never hit each other,’ the therapist reported Camila Beresford-Redman told her. □

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"Spider-Man" producer Ziskin dies at 61

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Laura Ziskin, who produced the "Spider-Man" movie franchise among many other hits in a 35-year Hollywood career, has died. She was 61. Ziskin, who fought a seven-year battle against breast cancer, died Sunday evening at her Santa Monica home, according to a statement from the Entertainment Industry Foundation. Over a 35-year career, Ziskin was producer or executive producer of such crowd-pleasers as "No Way Out" with Kevin Costner, "Pretty Woman" with Richard Gere and Julia Roberts, and "As Good As It Gets," which won Academy Awards for Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt. □

CBS' Tony's seen by 6.9 million viewers

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS' Tony Awards show was seen by 6.9 million viewers, roughly the same number as last year, according to preliminary Nielsen figures released Monday. But the program, hosted by Neil Patrick Harris, posted a 9 percent year-to-year gain in the ratings for the 18-to-49 demographic. The Tony broadcast faced stiff competition, airing opposite Game 6 of the NBA Finals, in which the Dallas Mavericks clinched the championship against the Miami Heat. ABC's coverage of the game was the night's most-watched telecast. Updated ratings figures will be available on Tuesday. □

Carl Gardner, Coasters singer, dies at 83

PORT ST. LUCIE, Florida (AP) — Carl Gardner, original lead singer of the R&B group the Coasters, has died in Florida. He was 83. Gardner's wife Veta says her husband died Sunday at a Port St. Lucie hospice following a long bout with congestive heart failure and vascular dementia. Inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987, the Coasters had a string of hits in the late 1950s. Their single "Yakety Yak" reached No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 following its 1958 release. It also spent seven weeks as the number one rhythm and blues song. Veta Gardner said of her husband, "He loved his singing. That was his whole life." The group continues to perform. Carl Gardner Jr. has been the lead singer since his father retired in 2005. □

Actor Andrew McCarthy writing memoir

NEW YORK (AP) — Actor and former teen king Andrew McCarthy would rather talk about settling down. The star of such 1980s favorites as "St. Elmo's Fire" and "Pretty in Pink" has a deal with Free Press for "The Longest Way Home," a memoir about settling down. The publisher announced Monday that the book is due in the fall of 2012. The 48-year-old McCarthy is now a popular travel writer. He will write about how his journeys helped him defeat his fears of love and commitment. McCarthy is planning to marry, for a second time, this summer. □

Jessica Simpson joins NBC's 'Fashion Star'

LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jessica Simpson is taking on the

Beauty") is a fashion mogul as well as entertainer, with a line that carries her name and includes 22 product



In this photo, Jessica Simpson poses at Us Weekly's Annual Hot Hollywood Style Issue event, in Los Angeles. Simpson is taking on the role of mentor to aspiring designers for a new NBC reality series. The network said Monday, June 13, 2011 that Simpson will help guide contestants in the series "Fashion Star" as they compete for a multimillion-dollar contract to launch a brand. Elle McPherson will host the series.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello, File)

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categories.

"NBC is delighted to work with singer, designer, actress and pop culture icon Jessica Simpson," said Paul Telegdy, NBC and Universal Media Studios executive vice president. "With an almost billion-dollar lifestyle brand under her belt she is sure to be an excellent mentor to our up-and-coming designers."

The contestant who best combines fashion and business gets a contract to launch a line with three major retailers, which are yet to be announced. Buyers from each chain will serve as judges, keeping contestants in the competition by buying their designs.

Viewers won't have to wait to shop for what they see: Each week's winning design in categories ranging from suits to lingerie to accessories will be available for immediate online purchase. Producers of "Fashion Star" include former NBC executive Ben Silverman, and Dan Cutforth and Jane Lipsitz of Magical Elves, original producers of "Project Runway." □

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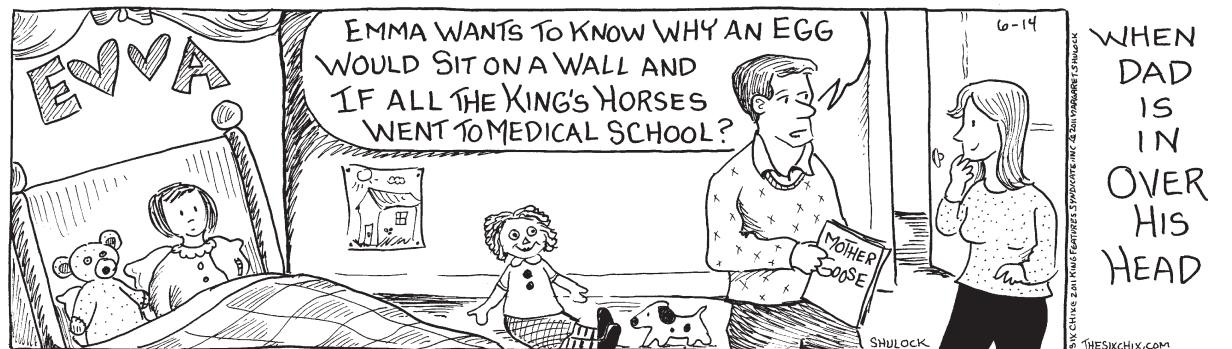
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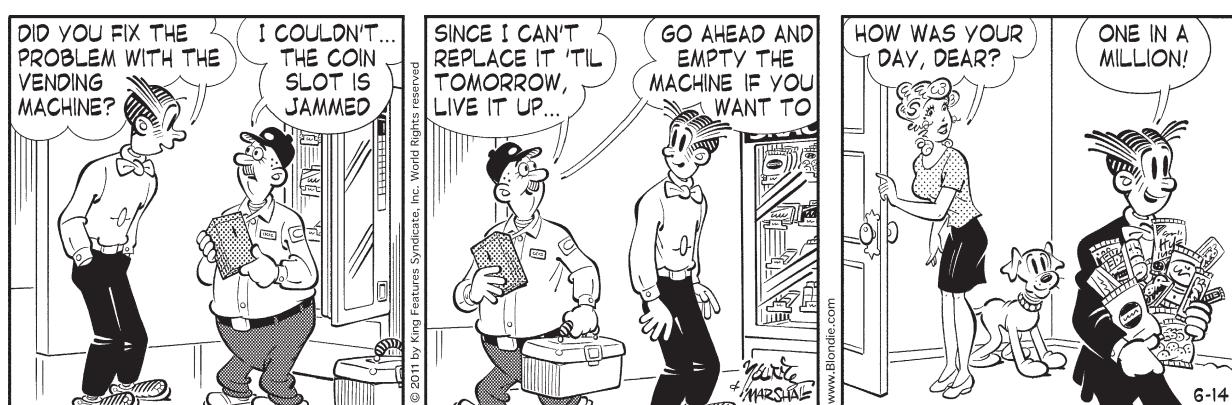
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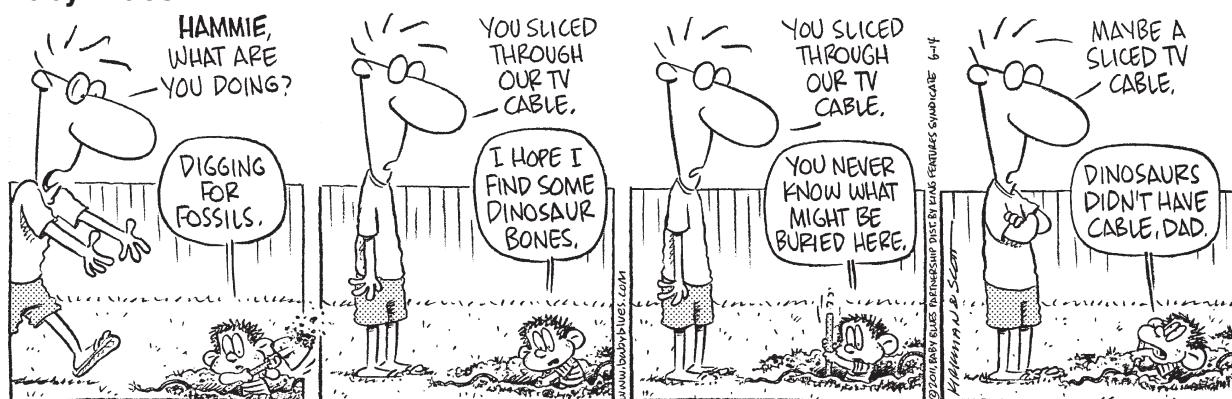
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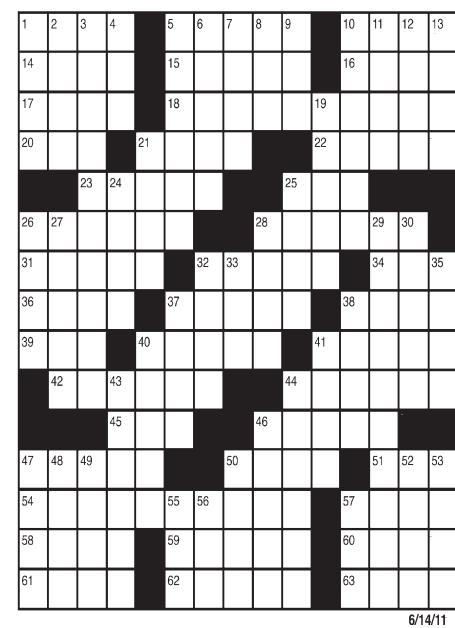
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54 Bather's spot
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Today In History

Today is Tuesday, June 14, the 165th day of 2011. There are 200 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1497 - Juan Borgia, the son of pope Alexander VI, is murdered, allegedly by his power-hungry brother Cesare.

1645 - Parliamentarian New Model Army under Oliver Cromwell routs Royalists at Naseby in England, deciding the Civil War.

1898 - Anglo-French Convention defines boundaries in Nigeria and Gold Coast.

1923 - Aleksandur Stamboliysky, popular Bulgarian political leader, is assassinated after a military coup.

1940 - German forces occupy Paris.

1941 - U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt orders freezing of German and Italian assets in United States.

1949 - Vietnamese state is established at Saigon under former emperor Bao Dai.

1959 - United States agrees to provide Greece with nuclear information and supply ballistic rockets.

1962 - European Space Research Organization is established in Paris.

1967 - U.S. Mariner spacecraft is launched toward Venus to discover if the planet can support life.

1975 - Soviet Union launches its second spacecraft in six days toward Venus for October rendezvous designed to land one or two capsules on planet.

1980 - United States rejects European call for participation of Palestine Liberation Organization in Middle East peace talks.

1982 - Argentine forces on the Falkland Islands surrender to the British, ending a 10-week war.

1987 - Pope John Paul II ends weeklong pilgrimage to his native Poland with stern lecture about human rights to nation's Communist leadership.

1994 - Iraq's trade minister warns that farmers who do not sell their grain harvests to the state will have their hands cut off.

1995 - Chechen rebels take 1,500 hostages and

seize government buildings in a well-planned attack on Budyonnovsk, a southern Russia town. At least 95 are killed in the raid.

1997 - Pol Pot is reported in Cambodia to be fleeing from the Khmer Rouge



Today is Donald Trump's birthday.

(AP Photo/Craig Ruttle)

guerrillas he once commanded.

1999 - NATO peacekeepers in Kosovo discover the first mass grave, believed to contain 81 bodies, as Serb troops withdraw leaving the houses of ethnic Albanians in flames.

2000 - In the biggest step toward peace since the end of the war, the leaders of North and South Korea sign an agreement to work for reconciliation and reunification.

2001 - Yugoslavia approves Slobodan Milosevic's extradition to The Hague, Netherlands, to face trial before a U.N. tribunal for crimes against humanity and war crimes in the Kosovo conflict between 1998-99. 800,000 ethnic Albanians were driven out by Serb forces.

2006 - More than 1,000 Indonesian villagers are forced to flee Mount Merapi's slopes after searing hot gas and debris erupts from the volcano.

Today's Birthdays:

Harriet Beecher Stowe, U.S. writer (1811-1896); John Bartlett, English writer/editor of "Familiar Quotations" (1820-1905); Gene Barry, U.S. actor (1923--); Ernesto "Che" Guevara, Argentine-born revolutionary (1928-1967); Jerzy Kosinski, Polish-born writer (1933-1991); Donald Trump, U.S. businessman/TV personality (1946--); Boy George, British pop singer (1961--); Yasmine Bleeth, U.S. actress (1968--); Steffi Graf, German tennis champion (1969--). □

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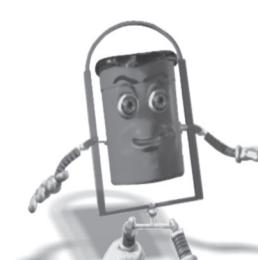
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It was a hot time in Tennessee at Bonnaroo fest

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MANCHESTER, Tenn. — The 10th Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival ended Sunday, and more than 85,000 people returned to civilian life, their ears ringing with too much music. Because it is a brand with a mysterious grip on hale young-adult Americans with mystical tendencies, because it broke little aesthetic ground and because it's a milestone year, let's do consumer service first.

Bonnaroo is convenient, more so than, say, Coachella: It takes one unhazardous hour to get from the festival site to the Nashville airport, and Manchester, in Coffee County, is central to the mid-South. Security is good-natured, even humorous. The festival is well priced: at \$210 to \$250, a general-admission ticket can be \$100 cheaper than Coachella, for four days instead of three. (For another \$750, the organizers will set you up with a nice-looking tent the size of some New York studio apartments.)

It is hot, and getting hotter:

able too. There's an enormous tent for microbrewed beer. You can find a decent cup of coffee.

The big festivals are starting to look alike, but there is still no snob appeal to Bonnaroo, which is intriguing. You couldn't say it welcomes everyone; you could say it welcomes anyone.

On the nine-stage schedule, Gregg Allman competed with Robyn; Bruce Hornsby competed with Junip; Wiz Khalifa competed with Loretta Lynn and Bootsy Collins. There was a sports bar right off the hippie-beads and glass-blowing boulevard near the festival's center, where a forest of dudes watched the Mavs beat Miami. (This festival took root in hippie loam before it sprouted elsewhere: into metal; hip-hop; Americana; bad early-morning, glow-stick techno; general alternative tweeness; and Mongolian power-rock.) The alternative to the microbrewed ales was Miller Lite.

The amount of dust on the festival part of the site — maybe a quarter of the

rated into areas with funny names, and I heard tales of deer ticks, but otherwise I can't help you; I was at a price-jacked Holiday Inn. It all happened on time, with minimal slippage. Collins ran 40 minutes late with the funk, and Sunday

festival its name and who performed that album in full with the Meters and Allen Toussaint late Saturday night — collaborated with Dan Auerbach of the Black Keys. They had two drummers: Patrick Hallahan, of My Morning Jacket, and

Meters on Saturday night to an unannounced show by the band Portugal. The Man; it played a set with the bluegrass singer Del McCoury; it was featured in Danny Clinch's movie "Louisiana Fairytale," screened in the cinema tent, about



Bootsy Collins performs at the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival in Manchester, Tenn., on June 11, 2011. More than 85,000 people attended the four-day music festival that wrapped up on Sunday night.

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)



Jim James of My Morning Jacket performs at the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival in Manchester, Tenn., on June 10, 2011. More than 85,000 people attended the four-day music festival that wrapped up on Sunday night.

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

this is a June of record highs for Tennessee, with temperatures in the mid-90s, about 10 degrees above what they should be. The food on the grounds, absurdly plentiful, is a step above Italian sausages and corn dogs, though those were avail-

750-acre plot owned by Bonnaroo's organizers — was staggering, and finally hard to live with. Often, it felt like an effort to find an area without dust; often, the areas without dust were muddy. Camping? Lots of it, well demarcated, sepa-

night's "Superjam" took 30 minutes for a Noah's Ark sound check. Superjam! Lots of solos, you'd think, and few songs, called on the fly.

Not so. Dr. John — whose 1974 album "Desitively Bonnaroo" gave the fes-

Max Weissenfeldt, of the German rare-groove band Poets of Rhythm, a light-handed drummer who knows his rare 45s, who knows the precise differences between the rhythms of James Black and Zigaboo Modeliste. (This is where snobs are useful.)

They'd rehearsed and planned. They played Dr. John songs — "Jump Sturdy," "Black John the Conqueror" — and other bits of New Orleans, like "Iko Iko" and Betty Harris' fabulous "Break in the Road." The Preservation Hall Jazz Band, from New Orleans, joined them with horns and bass drum. The superjammers were not too inclusive or too sloppy: they kept the funk to a quiet rustle, with few solos, except for Auerbach's — scrappy, flavorless, short, a courtesy to his fans, no damage done. Oh, it was good. The Preservation Hall band, led by the tuba player Ben Jaffe, works at historical continuity; it did so here, too, with the history of Thursday to Sunday. It became Bonnaroo's binding glue. It led a crowd in a second-line parade from the

its collaboration with My Morning Jacket; and it appeared live with that band on Friday.

This was the fifth Bonnaroo for My Morning Jacket — the band from Louisville, led by the singer-songwriter Jim James, that enlarges sweet and simple rock songs with cathedral echo — and the first time on the main stage. It couldn't have gone better: the band blasted its slow, blobby group sound, and James' swollen-tonsil tenor, into the sky, alternately twinkling and making violent noise. My Morning Jacket is hard not to root for. Its last appearance, in 2008, ran more than three hours, and strangely, given the information monsoon and the band's hundreds of concerts since then, people still talk about it. I will be thinking about this one for a while, too.

If that set represented the apotheosis of getting-into-it — the My Morning Jacket Experience — Lil Wayne kept his distance, measuring his options, rapping well but letting the air out of the performance in between songs. □

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